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Badr leaves Manila for South Korea

By Joe Pavis
Arab News Correspondent

MANILA, Dec. 22 — Minister of State and Ports authority President Dr. Fayez Badr left Manila for Seoul Monday afternoon after a successful six-day official visit.

Philippine government officials led by Public Works Minister Alfredo Junio, Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Jose Ingles and protocol officer Ambassador Raul Gonzales were on hand to see off Dr. Badr and his party. Ambassador Fawzi Abdul Majid Shoboksi was also present at the airport ceremonies.

Badr and his party were accorded a red carpet sendoff with military honors by a Philippine Air Force honor guard. He and his group were offered Sampaguita garlands from the tourism ministry upon their arrival at the airport.

In a brief interview with the press before boarding, Badr said he had a fruitful visit to the Philippines, capped by the signing of a technical cooperation agreement between the ports authorities of the two countries. At the same time, Badr also invited Junio to visit Saudi Arabia to strengthen the agreements they signed at Malacanang Palace.

Badr also thanked President Ferdinand Marcos for the warm hospitality and courtesy he extended to him and his delegation. He said Marcos made it possible for him to visit the facilities of the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) and other tourist spots in the Philippines like the red beach in Tacloban city in central Philippines and Puerto Azul in Ternate, Cavite, a resort about 50 miles south of Manila.

"I am extremely happy about the hospitality of President Marcos, Minister Junio and the Filipino people," Badr said.

Among the most important provisions of the three-year technical cooperation agreement signed by Badr and Junio was a program to train and develop port workers, including the setting up of training centers and facilities and provision of trainers. Details of this program still have to be worked out between the two ports authorities in a separate implementing agreement.

Aside from manpower development, the agreement also provides for exchange of expertise, consultations, construction and maintenance, sister port relationships and other possible areas of cooperation.

Before coming to Manila, Badr visited Singapore where he was reported to have sought technical assistance to operate two floating docks of 40,000 dead weight tonnage (DWT) Saudi Arabia ordered for the ports of Jeddah and Dammam. While in Singapore, he met with port of Singapore authority (PSA) officials to exchange ideas on modern port operation techniques.

Hussein meets U.S. general

AMMAN, Dec. 22 (AFP) — Jordan's King Hussein met with David Jones, Chairman of the U.S. joint Chiefs of Staff, who arrived here on an official visit before heading for Egypt and Israel. Gen. Jones, who flew into the Jordanian capital Friday, had talks with the king and Jordanian Army Commander Gen. Zeid Ben Shaker, officials here said. The U.S. military leader was scheduled to spend several days in Jordan before visiting Egypt and Israel.

Yamani in Manila

SYDNEY, Dec. 22 (AP) — Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani left here in his private aircraft Monday for the Philippines after six-day visit to Australia.

The meeting is being organized by a decision of the Islamic foreign ministers conference.

MECCA SUMMIT TO DISCUSS ISLAMIC CENTER FOR TRADE

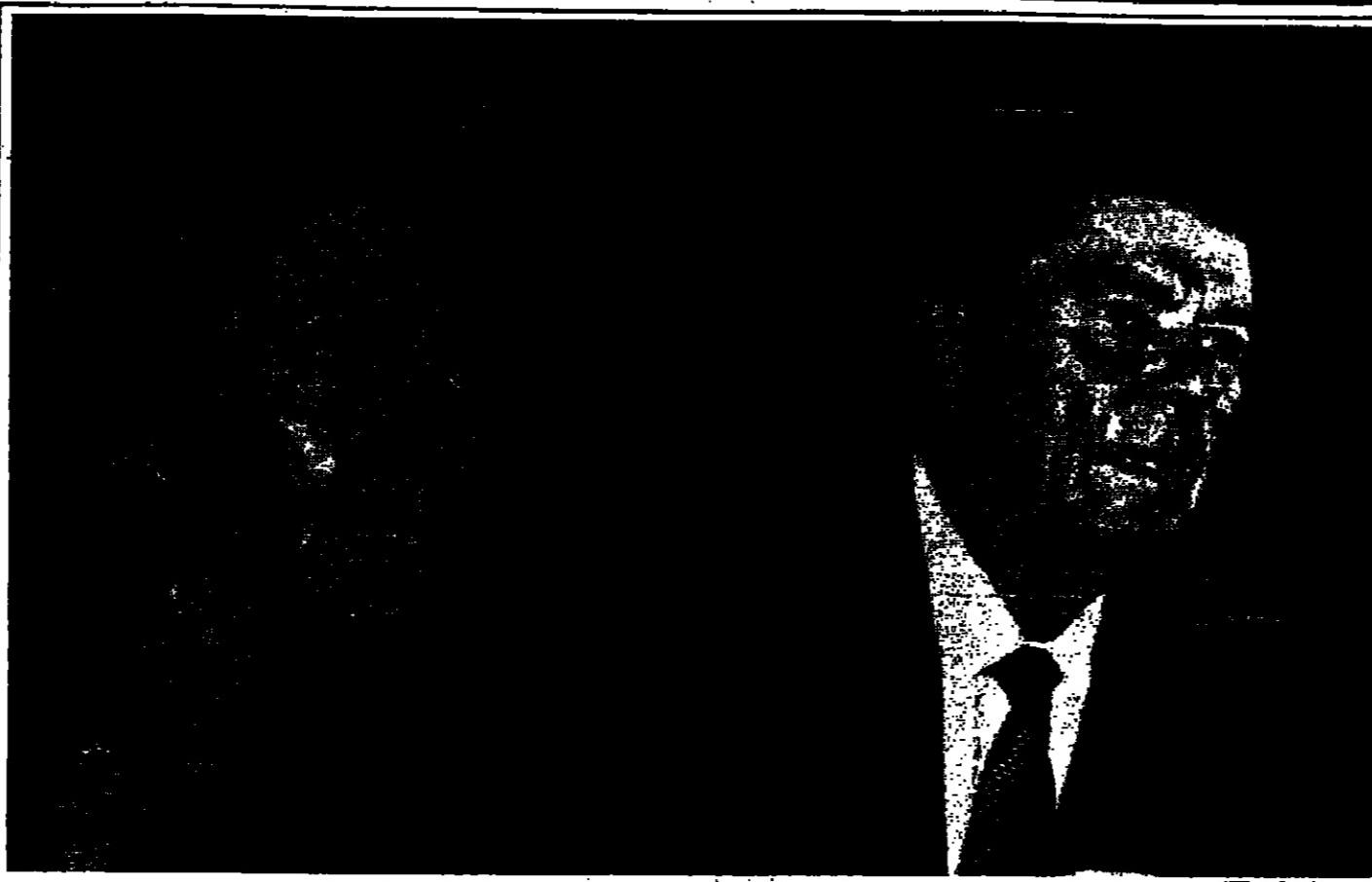
By Raana Siddiqi

JEDDAH, Dec. 22 — A three-day meeting of experts from the Organization of Islamic Conference will be held in Rabat to finalize the draft statute and other details of the Islamic Center for Development of Trade.

The expert group meeting in Rabat will now finalize details of the project with a view to its early establishment. The report and recommendations of the experts will be submitted to the Islamic summit which is expected to give its blessing to the proposed. The Islamic summit is scheduled to take place in the Kingdom next month.

Representatives from the Islamic Development Bank in Jeddah and the Karachi-based Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Commodity Exchange are also expected to participate in the meeting due to open Dec. 24.

The meeting is being organized by a decision of the Islamic foreign ministers conference.



LOOK OF CONCERN: President-elect Ronald Reagan and wife, Nancy, have the look of concern after an elderly man tripped and fell near the podium while attending a good-bye party for the Reagan at the Pacific Palisades Country Club Sunday. An elderly woman was escorted from the party by secret service agents after she shouted, "Get out of here, Ronald." She had apparently become confused when her husband tripped and fell.

Retains wide powers

Marcos abolishes military tribunals

MANILA, Dec. 22 (R) — President Ferdinand Marcos Monday ordered the abolition of military tribunals and the transfer of detainees from army camps to the national jail in preparation for lifting martial law rule next month.

He told officers and men gathered for the 45th anniversary of the formation of the Philippine armed forces that the lifting of the emergency rule he declared in September 1972 would not mean relaxation of the military's responsibility for maintaining public order.

He also made it clear that, as president and prime minister, he would retain wide powers, including the right to re-impose martial law, although he promised to act only in real emergencies and then only after consultation with legislators and the judiciary.

"We propose to dismantle the many institutions and measures that were promulgated as a result of the emergency," he said. "But we certainly do not intend this decision to enfeeble the government or to compromise

the problem in the past was that even common criminals were detained by the military and when some of the alleged 'investigators' come and see the number of people in the detention centers they think that even the common criminals are political prisoners," he said. "There are no political prisoners in this country if by political prisoner is meant detention for his political views, openly aired and freely given."

OPEC output at 10-year low

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (Agencies) — Oil production by members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries fell to a 10-year low of 23.3 million barrels per day (BPD) in October, *Petroleum Intelligence* weekly reported. OPEC production in October was down from 25.5 million BPD in September and was 26 per cent below output of October 1979, the newsletter said.

Worldwide production fell to 56.1 million BPD in October from 58.1 million in September. Non-Communist, non-OPEC production rose to 18.4 million BPD from 18.3 million in the previous month, it said.

In October, minimal production in Iraq and Iran was offset by Saudi Arabia's 800,000 BPD relief output and a 300,000 BPD increase by Nigeria. Kuwait's October oil production rose 50,000 BPD from September.

Petroleum Intelligence weekly estimated Iraq's daily oil output at 450,000 barrels and

Iran's production at 150,000 barrels in October. Production was down from 3.4 million barrels a day in Iraq and 1.3 million barrels daily in Iran before the outbreak of the war between the cartel members in September.

As previously reported, Saudi Arabia raised its oil production from 9.5 million to 10.3 million barrels a day to help replace the lost exports. Nigerian oil output rose from 1.6 million to 1.8 million barrels a day, while several other OPEC members posted small output gains the newsletter said.

Oil exports from Iraq were estimated at around 900,000 barrels a day in recent weeks, although editors of the newsletter said last week that the shipments had been halted because pipelines from Iraq to Mediterranean ports had been closed. Iran, meanwhile, is said to be exporting small quantities of oil from ports in the southern Gulf, far from the war zone to the north.

America says hostage terms unreasonable

TEHRAN, Dec. 22 (R) — Iran has delivered "final" terms for releasing the American hostages, but the U.S. said they were unreasonable and doubted that the issue would be settled before Ronald Reagan becomes president on Jan. 20. The 52 hostages have been in captivity for more than 13 months. A reliable source in Tehran said most of the hostages were being held at a former royal palace on the Caspian Sea coast.

If the United States were to agree to the terms announced by Tehran Sunday, it would have to deposit about \$ 24 billion with Algeria, which is acting as the intermediary in hostage negotiations between Washington and Iran.

U.S. Secretary of State Edmund Muskie said in a Washington television interview Sunday night that resolution of the crisis was "certainly not going to happen before Christmas, and it would be very difficult to make it happen with the time left to this administration." Muskie said the release terms were unreasonable and went beyond the power of President Carter.

Executive Affairs Minister Behzad Nabavi told reporters Sunday Iran was in no hurry to end the hostage affair. "We could keep them for 10 years and give them free food, housing and clothing," he said and added they were well treated and content and would take part in an interview with Iranian reporters on Christmas night. "You will see that they are Hale and hearty. They are living in beautiful hotels, with all sorts of facilities at their service."

In their conditions the Iranians agreed to accept arbitration over U.S. claims against its assets. Previously it had demanded that all claims be dropped. There are now 333 claims seeking a total of more than \$ 8 billion from Iran, according to a lawyer for a Washington law firm coordinating Iran's defense in the matter.

In his Washington interview Muskie said his remarks constituted a reaction to the Iranian conditions and not the official U.S. response, which was now being considered. Much depended on whether the Iranian reply was a negotiating tactic or was a "take it or leave it" proposal, he said, adding that it would be illegal for the president to pay.

King receives Kuwaiti note

RIYADH, Dec. 22 (SPA) — Kuwaiti Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah al Ahmed went into talks with King Khaled after arrival here Monday. He left for Muscat. The minister delivered a written message from Kuwait's ruler Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah to King Khaled during the talks which were attended by Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and National Guard commander, Prince Sultan, defense and civil aviation minister and the King's personal adviser Dr. Rashad Pharaon.

Before leaving for Muscat Sheikh Sabah also held talks with Crown Prince Fahd and Prince Abdullah.

King Khaled also received the Thai Commerce Minister who is visiting the country.

Power station ablaze

Syrians rocket Zahle

BEIRUT, Dec. 22 (AP) — Syrian tanks and multiple rocket launchers bludgeoned the Christian-populated city of Zahle in eastern Lebanon for the second straight day Monday, setting the town's main power station ablaze, the rightist "Voice of Lebanon" radio station reported.

A truce in Zahle came into effect Monday afternoon after some of the heaviest fighting in Lebanon in two years. The state-run Beirut Radio said the truce came into effect after President Sarkis spoke with his defense minister and military commanders. But security sources said neither side had withdrawn from the town and its residents were sheltered in basements.

The city was without electricity with thousands of inhabitants remaining trapped in basements and bomb shelters as two armored Syrian brigades estimated at 6,000 men maintained an airtight siege, the broadcast said.

A ceasefire to end Zahle's ordeal failed to take hold, the radio said. "But efforts by government and religious leaders in Lebanon intensified to bring the truce about," it added.

The broadcast said the "Lebanese Front," the overall political command of country's rightist Christian militias, has resolved to seek a U.N. Security Council intervention to stop the Syrian attacks.

The Syrians, who police Lebanon's four-year-old civil war armistice, blamed the renewed fighting on rightist militiamen holding out in the beleaguered city of 200,000 since the fatal ambush of five Syrian peacekeepers on Saturday.

A communiqué from the command of the 22,000-strong Syrian truce-enforcing army said the five-man patrol was ambushed while trying to end street clashes in Zahle between rival rightist Christian militias.

The inter-Christian clashes left 10 Lebanese killed in addition to the five Syrians on Friday and Saturday. Militiamen of the Phalange Party, the country's largest Christian force, were pitted in the Zahle clashes against renegades from the main rival Christian group, the National Liberal Party of former President Camille Chamoun, Lebanese police sources reported.

The sources said the Syrians held the Phalangists responsible for the death of the five Syrian patrolmen and demanded the handing over of several suspects within 24 hours that ended Sunday evening.

By then, a Phalange Party spokesman said, the Syrians had moved tanks, multiple rocket launchers and heavy mortars to lay siege to Zahle, which is 40 kilometers east of Beirut, the Lebanese capital and 15 kilometers from the Syrian border.

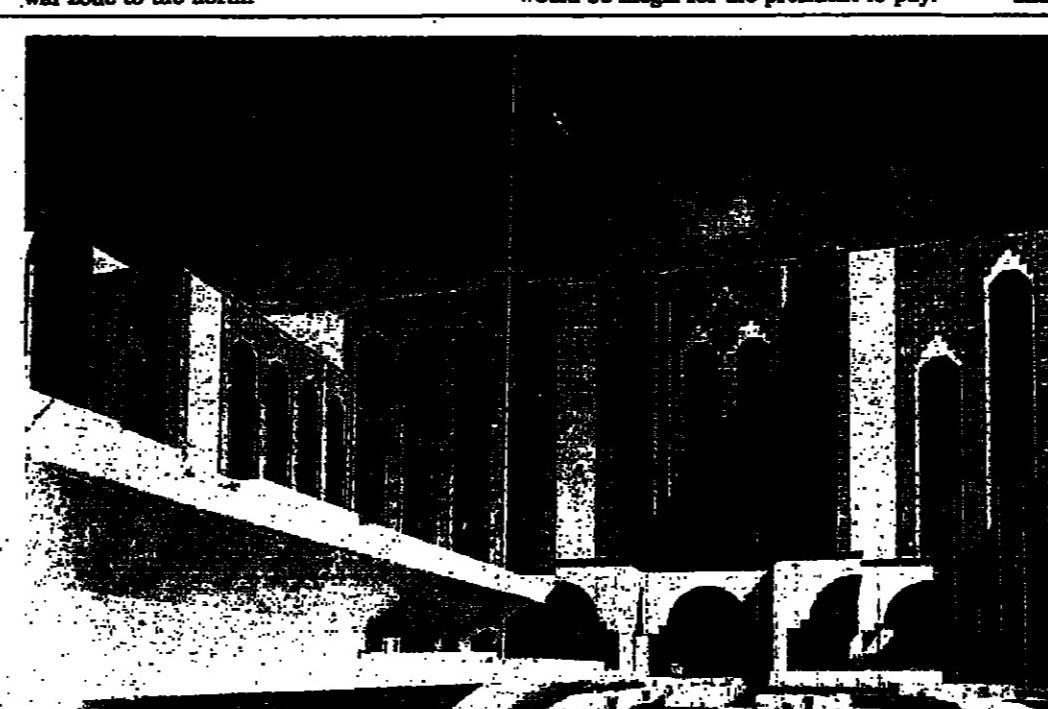
At sundown Sunday, the Syrians began blasting the city from all directions. The Lebanese government of President Elias Sarkis intervened to work out a ceasefire under which the Syrian siege was to be lifted

Jewish emigration disturbs Israel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 22 (AP) — A report estimating that between 300,000 and 500,000 Israelis have emigrated to the United States is stirring profound concern in the Zionist state.

The report, by a senior official of the Jewish Agency which oversees the movement of Jews to and from Israel, recommends that the government treat the problem of emigration as "a national emergency."

The report has not been made public but its content has filtered down to the press and was confirmed by Jewish Agency officials. With fewer Jews immigrating to Israel and a high Arab birthrate threatening to outstrip Jewish population growth in Israel, emigration is viewed by many Israelis as desertion.



SUMMIT: External and internal views of the conference building in which the proposed third Islamic summit conference is scheduled to be held in Taif next month. The conference hall and committee rooms have been equipped with the latest acoustics innovations. The 40 Islamic heads of state are expected to discuss the fate of the Holy City of Jerusalem which was occupied and annexed by Israel; the Islamic solidarity fund scheme, a declaration of Islamic human rights and other issues of interest to the Muslim world.

Police report says

Traffic accidents double

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 22 — The number of traffic accidents casualties here has nearly doubled in the last three years, according to a traffic department report published in a monthly bulletin.

In 1977 the casualties figured at 2,459 including 263 fatalities. Last year the number soared to 4,181, including 320 fatalities. A breakdown of the accidents showed that car collisions accounted for the largest single share of the reported cases, 1,369, while hitting pedestrians accounted for 920, overturnings numbered 340 against 142 for miscellaneous reasons. Of the 1.3 million registered vehicles in the Kingdom, Jeddah has nearly a third according to Interior Ministry records. It also has the largest population at one million, according to the municipality. Until the Saudi Arabian Transport Company came in and operated an efficient bus service in the city, public transport was a private affair in the hands of individual van operators who could scarcely cover the main roads and streets of the city. This led to a proliferation of private cars and an unprecedented boom in the trade.

The rate of accidents also mounted as the vehicles vied for whatever space existed on the roads and the back streets. But the increase in accidents may be attributed to the stunning increase in the number of vehicles in the city. Compared to the actual number of vehicles which increased several times in the

past five years the number of accidents has actually decreased, relatively.

The improvement is also due to more severe punishments given to traffic offenders by the police. Spot fines amount to SR600 for minor offenses while running the red traffic light may lead to detention for a week and a bigger fine. The Jeddah Traffic Director Col. Asaad Abdul Karim was quoted as saying that he viewed jumping the lights very seriously since this may lead to somebody's death or grave injury and it should be dealt with as severely as possible until drivers begin to respect the law.

Such penalties have served the purpose of reducing the number of deliberate offenders and practically eliminated the unlicensed and the child drivers. Unlicensed drivers are detained and fined and child drivers are penalized and their parents reprimanded. Besides, the positioning of motorcycle traffic police at intersections and on main roads has deterred would-be offenders from breaking the law.

Bank ends seminar

DHAHRAN, Dec. 22 — Chemical Bank has just concluded a two-day operations seminar here for its correspondent banks in the eastern province.

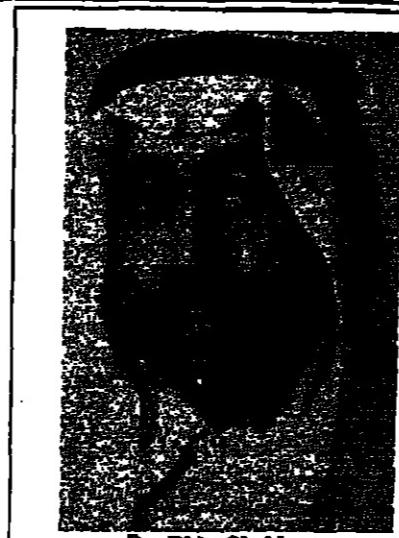
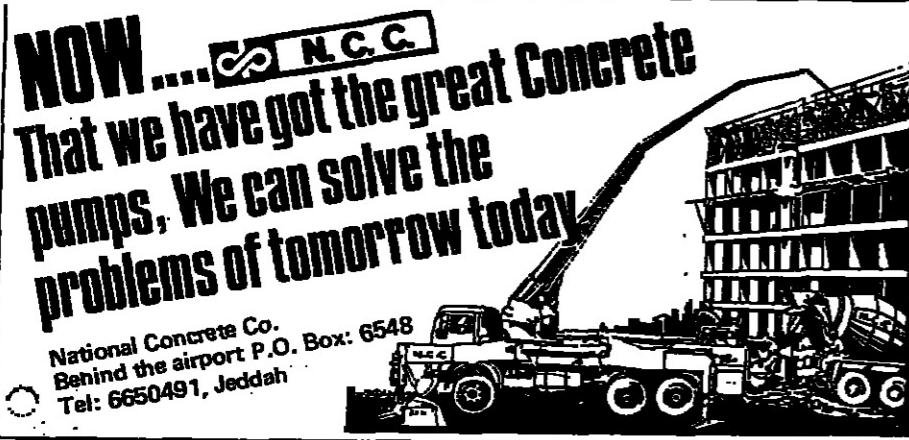
Meeting at Dhahran's Marriott Hotel, 18 participants heard Shakil Riaz, assistant vice president of Chemical Bank in New York, speak on various aspects of banking which affect operations in connection with the New York Bank.

Four of these training sessions, which were developed by Riaz, have been held in the past six to nine months in the Middle East at Bahrain, Beirut, and Cairo, as well as Dhahran.

Chemical Bank's Gulf operations are coordinated from its Bahrain branch, Arab News was told by Bahrain-based vice president P. Blyberg, who attended the seminar here.

Prayer Times

Tuesday	Mecca	Medina	Nejd
Fajr	5.30	5.37	5.09
Ishraq	6.55	7.02	6.34
Dhuhr	12.20	12.21	11.52
Asr	3.24	3.20	2.51
Magrib	5.46	5.40	5.11
Isha	7.16	7.10	6.41



Tour conducted

TAIPEI, Dec. 22 (CNA) — Dr. Rida Obaid, executive director and chairman of the Saudi Arabian Center for Science and Technology visited the refining and manufacturing research center of the Chinese Petroleum Corporation. An agreement has been reached at the fifth session of the Saudi-Sino permanent joint committee on economic and technical cooperation recently held in Taipei to establish a methanol plant in Saudi Arabia.

Dam contract awarded

RIYADH, Dec. 22 (SPA) — A contract for the construction of the Talqa dam in Baha was awarded Monday to a local company for SR 8,216,000. The dam will be 90 meters long and 14 meters high. It will hold water to a depth of 11 meters.

Commander returns

RIYADH, Dec. 22 (SPA) — Deputy Commander of the National Guard Prince Badr returned from Paris after a tour of several European countries. Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen, deputy governor of Mecca also returned from abroad where he underwent a medical check-up.

Pollution equipment forwarded

JEDDAH, Dec. 22 — Some of the world's most advanced pollution fighting equipment has been rushed from Britain to the Gulf to help clear the oil slick which is threatening the coasts of the states. The equipment is

Sino-Saudi Arabian meetings resume

On cultural cooperation

research by secondary school students will be presented in a separate contest.

The center had organized a program which included a sightseeing tour for members of the social service center of Medina. The students visited the Qatif branch of the center to witness its program and projects.

In other education developments, Mecca governor Prince Majed will open the fourth collective art exhibition Jan. 7, officials reported. The exhibition, organized by the Saudi Arabian Cultural and Arts Society, has 20 plastic artists to participate in the exhibition so far. The artists, who come from Jeddah, Mecca, Medina and Taif have contributed more than 40 paintings mostly dealing with the Saudi Arabian environment, historic features and customs and traditions.

Meanwhile, the Chinese delegation led by Dr. Li Mo visited King Abdul Aziz Darat (research center). The delegation toured the

Hunting season begins

RIYADH, Dec. 22 (SPA) — The Interior Ministry announced Sunday that the hunting season, which lasts three months, would start Jan. 31.

The ministry warned that the hunting of bustards must be with falcons, without the use of rifles. Any transgression of the instruction would be severely punished, the ministry said.

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being supplied to Aramco, the Qatar Petroleum Producing Authority, Qatar Navigation and the Abu Dhabi Petroleum Port Operating Company. The equipment includes specially designed dispersant sprays said to be 15 times more effective than conventional sprays, and high powered pumps to suck up the sludge.

Money found

JEDDAH, Dec. 22 — A large amount of money was found in a plastic bag by an unnamed man here Sunday and delivered to the traffic department which is now inviting the owner to retrieve the bag with the necessary evidence.

RIYADH, Dec. 22 (SPA) — Pakistan will export 100,000 tons of Basmati rice to the Kingdom during the next year. An agreement to this effect was reached between the Ministry of Commerce and the Pakistan Export Promotion Organization.

Yamani denies Egyptian allegations

RIYADH, Dec. 22 (SPA) — The government has strongly denied any contacts with Israel about the Palestinian question. Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdou Yamani said the report published by Egyptian newspaper Al-Ahram of such contacts was absolutely false and aimed at creating doubt about the Kingdom's position regarding the Palestinian problem.

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By Prince Salman

Riyadh youth hostel opened

RIYADH, Dec. 22 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman dedicated a youth hostel here that will provide accommodation for 200 people in addition to offices for administrators and employees. The hostel has all facilities, including a dining hall for 50 people at a time and a fully-equipped kitchen.

Prince Salman was received upon his arrival at the hostel by Youth Welfare President Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, princes and senior officials. The governor cut the ribbon and unveiled the memorial plaque, before touring the hostel.

Prince Salman inspected the administra-

tion building, the housing units, sports and cultural activities halls, art exhibition, mosque, lounge, restaurant, kitchen and the central air-conditioning machinery. The governor attended a tea reception given in his honor.

The hostel, located in the northern section of Riyadh, was built in an area of 12,200 square meters. It had reception halls, a meeting hall, administration building, and housing buildings. A club with a movie theater, a billiard room, a lecture hall for 100 people, a library, a study hall, a cafeteria for 75 people, a restaurant, a kitchen and a garden was also built for maximum comfort.

The hostel's games hall consists of two stories. It has a squash hall, changing rooms, baths, toilets, offices, wrestling rings, table tennis room. Outdoor sports installations include a swimming pool with a diving board, tennis courts, a basketball court, a volleyball court, gardens with fountains and a cafeteria.

Prince Salman expressed his admiration for what he saw. The hostel provides various activities in addition to accomodating youths who come to Riyadh from other regions of the Kingdom, he said. The hostel has various means by which youths can occupy their free time in benefiting activities provided by the mosque, the library and the sports installations, he added.

"This is one of the things we lacked, but now the youth hostels provided it," Prince Salman said. He expressed hope that youth hostels would spread throughout the country to provide youths with various activities. Prince Salman called on the youths to visit the hostels and seek membership since it provides them with mental and physical exercises.

Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, chairman of the

Jeddah receives 1,843 new lines

JEDDAH, Dec. 22 (SPA) — The Saudi Telephone installed in Muharram (Nov. 9 to Dec. 7) 1,843 telephone lines in Jeddah as part of the new telephone network, in addition to 242 telephones added to the old network.

Yusuf Falamban, public relations director for Jeddah, has said that 150 telix lines also were installed in Jeddah during the same period. By the end of the third five year plan in 1985, the number of telephones in the city is expected to reach 98,000 lines, of which 28,000 are to be installed during the third five year plan.

Meanwhile, Prince Abdul Ilah, governor of Qasim, headed a list of dignitaries at a ceremony inaugurating telephone projects in Bokariyah.

The dignitaries dedicated an entire Saudi Telephone complex in Bokariyah. The occasion illustrates the rapid advance of tele-

Saudi Arabian youth hostels association, said in a statement that the opening of hostels was in dream for every citizen that has been realized. He added that the Presidency of Youth Welfare is implementing a scheme for building a youth hostel in every region of the Kingdom.

Prince Faisal said that now Saudi Arabian youths can invite their friends from Arab, Muslim or Western countries since there is a place where they can accommodate them. The youth welfare implements international policies for youth hostels to facilitate the acquaintance of youths from different places, he added.

Miniature youth hostels will soon be built for smaller villages. The hostels, however, will provide all the basic requirements, the prince said. The government, represented by the youth welfare, spares no effort for the comfort of youths by providing them the latest methods in the world, Prince Faisal added.

Insurance men meet

RIYADH, Dec. 22 (SPA) — The governor of the General Social Insurance Corporation, Muhammad Ali Al-Fayez, met directors of the organization's main offices Monday. The meeting discussed ways of developing the offices in the light of the increasing pressure caused by the rising number subscribers to the social insurance system.

The meeting, which lasts several days, will discuss finding solutions for applied problems so that the offices can provide services to workers and employers at ease. This meeting is part of a series of meetings held by the government to improve the social insurance system with various departments of the organization.

communications in the Kingdom under the telephone expansion project. The new microwave station in the community links the citizens with the rest of the Saudi Telephone network; the new central office will provide subscribers with subscription and payment facilities, and the new exchange will allow many more people to enjoy the benefits of modern communications.

Bukariyah's new exchange is a permanent 2,000-line unit, which replaces the existing mobile exchange. The telephone prefix for subscribers receiving service from the new exchange is "335" followed by four digits. Bukariyah's long-distance code is "06" subscriber will have access to the full range of Saudi Telephone services, including ISD, special service codes from emergencies, and both national and international long-distance dialing.



OPENING : Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, youth welfare president, looks on as Prince Salman cuts the ribbon during dedication ceremonies. The youth hostel will provide religious and sports activities for youths as well as a place to stay when visiting the city.

Arab social affairs ministers to meet

RIYADH, Dec. 22 (SPA) — The Kingdom's delegation to the first session of the Council of Arab Ministers of Social Affairs on Thursday will depart for Tunis Wednesday.

The delegation will be led by Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Anqari, minister of labor and social affairs. It will comprise Prince Fahd ibn Sultan, deputy minister for social affairs; Rashad Hussain Mukhlis, assistant deputy minister for social affairs; Ahmad Al-Yahya, director general of the Western Region labor main office; and Abdul Mohsen Al-Tamimi, director general of the social affairs office in the Eastern Province.

The council will discuss a plan to pursue the implementation of the Arab social development strategy during the 80's, recommendations of the Arab child conference, review studies to set up an Arab institute to lay down the framework for special education and rehabilitation of handicapped, and draw an Arab theory for social work.

Sheikh Anqari will address the conference during the opening session. The statement will highlight the Kingdom's efforts in social development and care, the development of the Saudi Arabian child, caring for the handicapped. Sheikh Anqari will review Saudi Arabia's achievements in the field of social affairs which is a result of the government's great attention to social development programs, especially in child care and rehabilitation of the handicapped.

After the end of the conference, the Saudi Arabian minister will meet his Tunisian counterpart for talks on labor affairs and cooperation between their countries.

This is the first conference for the Council of Arab ministers of social affairs, after the Arab League approved its formation. Before, the ministers were meeting as a conference. Another conference on the Arab level would

up Sunday in Kuwait. The General Assembly of the Arab Union of News Agencies decided at the end of its two-day conference to draw new plans for dealing with international news agencies.

The general assembly endorsed results of a meeting between Arab and Latin American news agencies and recommended that an Arab-European seminar for directors of news agencies be held for further discussions.

Saturday, the conference elected the directors of the Kuwaiti News Agency, Barjis Hamoud

Al-Barjis, president of the union for 1981.

Hotels reach 65 per cent of target plan

RIYADH, Dec. 22 (SPA) — The Ministry of Commerce reported Monday that 230 hotels with a capacity of more than 17,000 beds were built in the country up to last October, or 65 per cent of the target set by the agency until the end of next year.

The report said that the target called for building 362 hotels with 27,000 beds, but there are already 92 hotels under construction or about to be built. They have a capacity of 15,000 beds. A new classification schedule for hotels will be published soon with new tariff rates.

Third class hotels have been given six months to improve their services appreciably or face closure, the report said.

The hotels at present include nine deluxe with 2,304 rooms, 42 first class with 6,641 rooms, 82 second class with 4,958 rooms and 56 third class with 2,348 rooms.

Riyadh has 32 hotels with 2,840 rooms, Jeddah 46 with 5,206, Mecca 33 with 2,299, Medina 39 with 2,171 rooms the Eastern Region 34 with 3,127, and the rest of the country has 46 with 1,883.

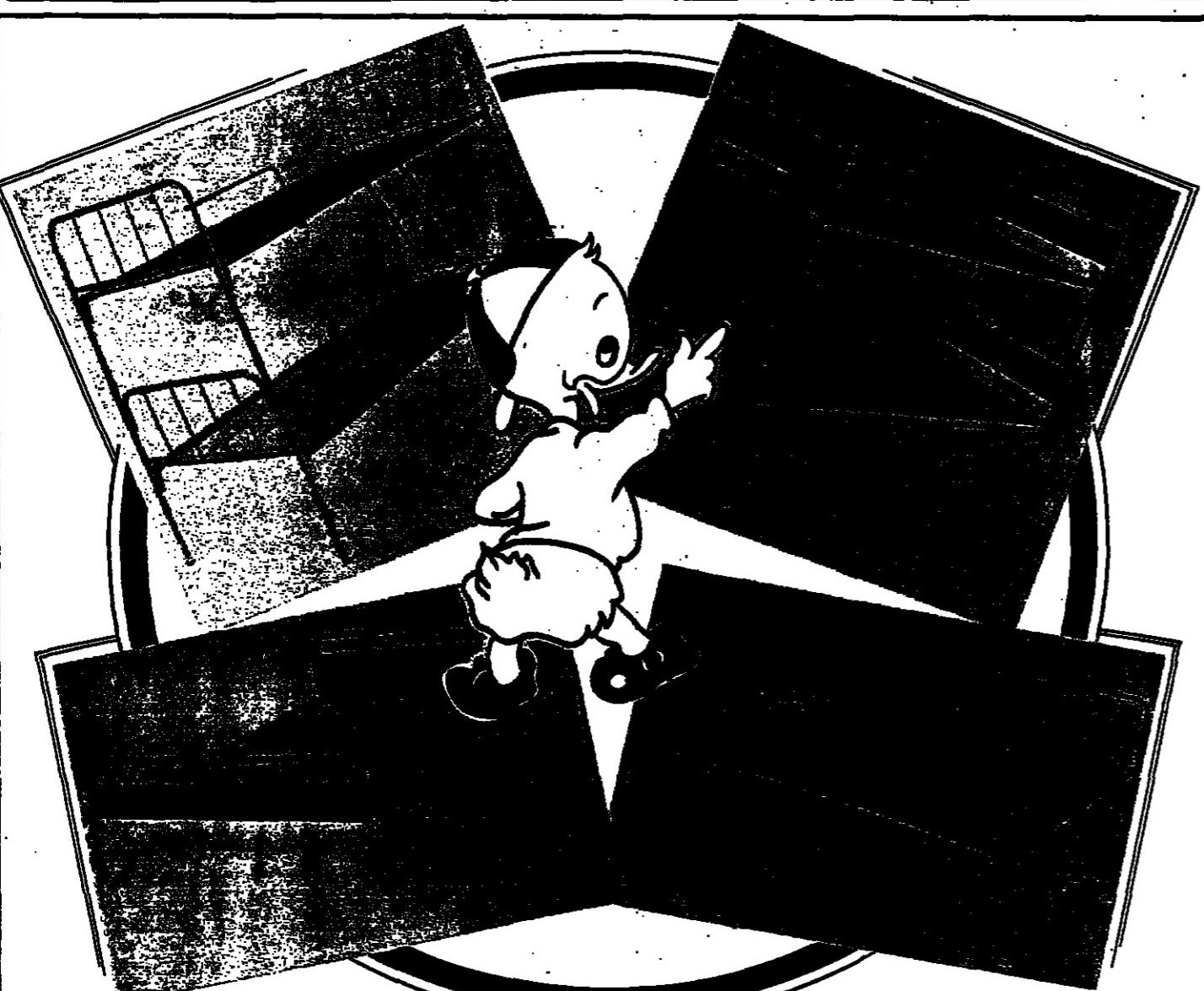
Airport to open

JEDDAH, Dec. 22 (SPA) — The new King Abdul Aziz airport here will open for traffic early next year, according to Brigadier Saeed Ayman, project director of international airports. Seventy Saudi Arabian students have been sent to U.S. and Germany for training in engineering, and electronics with which the airport is packed.

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Goukouni to boycott OAU parley on Chad

N'DJAMENA, Dec. 22 (Agencies) — Chad President Goukouni Oueddei has said he will not attend an Organization of African Unity (OAU) conference in Nigeria next week if this African nation torn by 15 years of civil war.

"Now that the country is calm there is no longer any question of attending such a meeting," he told reporters at his official residence Sunday. "Let the heads of state meet, but I would prefer that they talk about helping Chad get back on its feet."

Fighting ended Dec. 15 when supporters of Goukouni, backed by Libyan tanks and troops, drove former Defense Minister Hissein Habre and his soldiers from the section of this capital city they had held since fighting flared again in March.

Habre retreated south and on Dec. 16 signed a ceasefire agreement in Yaounde, Cameroon, Goukouni and OAU sponsors of the ceasefire treaty had signed the pact in Lome, Togo on Nov. 28. It contained an OAU recommendation that a summit conference be convened in Lagos, Nigeria, and that all foreign troops be withdrawn from Chad. The Lagos conference is scheduled to open Tuesday.

The Lome agreement called for placing Chad under the temporary authority of a control commission of Togo, Guinea, Benin and the Congo Republic.

Begin cabinet split on defense cuts

TEL AVIV, Dec. 22 (Agencies) — The government failed Monday to agree on cuts in the defense budget which the treasury says are vital for curbing inflation and the army claims may weaken its military preparedness.

Prime Minister Menahem Begin suffered an unexpected setback when defense ministry experts rejected the budget hammered out in marathon talks by the cabinet's economic committee. A further meeting was set for late Monday.

Cabinet sources said Sunday night that the

Last week's ceasefire came 48 hours after France, which had ruled Chad as part of French Equatorial Africa, threatened to intervene militarily and drive out the Libyans.

Goukouni said that all population centers were under government control. Habre's forces had disbanded and provisions of the ceasefire agreement were no longer necessary. He said he received "invaluable material and technical assistance" from Libya, but would not say how many Libyans were involved in the final drive to oust Habre from the capital.

French and American intelligence reports estimate that 2,000 to 4,000 Libyan soldiers are in Chad.

Refugees from what had been a city of about 180,000 before fighting resumed this year began returning from camps across the Chari River in Cameroon to check their looted homes.

Goukouni said most of the combatants had been disarmed, but a number of young men were seen riding motor bikes through the capital with Soviet-designed Kalashnikov rifles slung across their backs.

Asked about reports that Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi would visit N'Djameena shortly, Goukouni said he would have liked him to come "so that I could thank him, but no date has been fixed."

The defense budget consumes one-third of Israel's overall spending, or about \$4 billion last year. The debate focused on money to be spent in Israeli currency and was not expected to affect arms purchases from the United States, which are financed largely by U.S. grants and loans.



Goukouni Oueddei

Israeli cabinet votes against Golan annexation

TEL AVIV, Dec. 22 (AP) — Prime Minister Menahem Begin's government voted Monday to oppose a motion in parliament to annex the occupied Golan Heights of Syria. The cabinet decision virtually killed prospects for the proposed bill to win approval in the 120-member Knesset.

The bill was scheduled to begin a long parliamentary process on Wednesday. But it was not clear following the cabinet decision if the bill's sponsor, Mrs. Geula Cohen of the ultra-nationalist Teh ye Party, would continue with plans to bring the bill to the house or drop it.

Cabinet Secretary Aryeh Naor told reporters after a cabinet meeting the government believed annexing the 450-square-mile area would not add to Israel's security.

Israel radio said the cabinet vote was 11-2 with one abstention for recommending that the Knesset strike Mrs. Cohen's bill off the agenda.

The government has come under heavy international pressure to avoid annexation.

Kuwait's elections set for February

BAHRAIN, Dec. 22 (R) — Kuwait has said it will hold parliamentary elections next February as planned, quashing reports that they would be postponed because of the Iranian war. Chief government spokesman Abdulaziz Hussein Sunday told reporters in Kuwait the cabinet would fix the election date soon. Arrangements were being made to hold the elections by the end of February, he said.

The ruler of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, decreed on Aug. 24 that the new 50-member national assembly should meet by the end of next February. But an Arabic publication, *An-Nahar Arab Report and Memo*, said last month that the elections had been put off due to the Gulf war and that preparatory work had stopped.

The previous ruler dissolved the assembly and curbed press freedom in August 1976.



Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah
ending 15 years of parliamentary rule, after
the government resigned. It accused parliament
of blocking legislation and reviling
ministers.

The decree dissolving parliament also
said it should be reconvened within four
years.

BRIEFS

TEL AVIV, (R) — Some 5,000 Palestinian teachers in the Israeli-occupied West Bank stepped up their demand for salary increases Monday by calling a general teachers' strike, Arab sources said.

ISTANBUL, (AP) — Security forces have captured 38 suspected rightwing terrorists in connection with the slaying of 20 mostly leftwing terrorists, police reported Monday.

TEL AVIV, (AFP) — An unidentified assailant gunned down a 60-year-old Arab cafe owner Saturday in Gaza, in Israeli-occupied Arab territory, it was reported here. Mahmud Hassan Jaaban was the eighth victim killed in Gaza during the last few months.

CAIRO, (R) — Egypt will start exporting locally-made ammunition for Soviet-designed BM-21 rocket launches next month, the head of military research, Maj.-Gen. Youssef Aaffi, told a group of officers. He did not say which countries would receive the ammunition.

MUSCAT, (AFP) — An Omani military delegation left Muscat Sunday for Cairo for an official visit of several days, sources said. The delegation, invited by Egyptian Defense Minister Gen. Ahmad Badawi, will attend maneuvers by the Egyptian infantry.

BELGRADE, (AP) — Iraqi Foreign Minister Sadoun Hammadi flew here Sunday for talks with his Yugoslav counterpart Josip Broz Tito, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported.

CAIRO, (R) — Egypt said Sunday it was launching a diplomatic campaign to fend off Arab efforts to get Cairo expelled from the Nonaligned Movement and the Organization of African Unity (OAU) because of its peace treaty with Israel.

Soviet moves in M.E. worry Egypt, Ali says

CAIRO, Dec. 22 (AFP) — Egypt is strengthening its defense out of fears of growing Soviet influence in the Middle East, Gen. Kamal Hassan Ali, Egyptian foreign and defense minister has said.

Outlining Egypt's foreign policy in a speech to the Consultative Council Sunday, Ali said that "Egypt is worried about the Soviet infiltration in the Middle East particularly in the regions surrounding Egypt's territory."

"Egypt did not hesitate to firmly oppose any Soviet intervention and it is in this context that Egypt is reinforcing its defensive position," he told the party-elected, partly-appointed council.

Citing what he called a Soviet presence in Libya, Ethiopia, South Yemen and Syria, Ali said that the best means for countries in the area "to push back the Soviet interventions" was to consolidate their defensive capacities.

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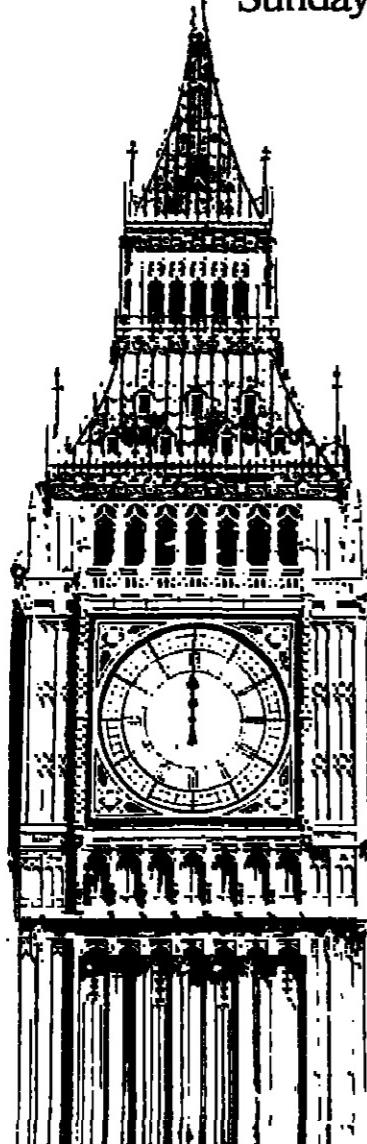
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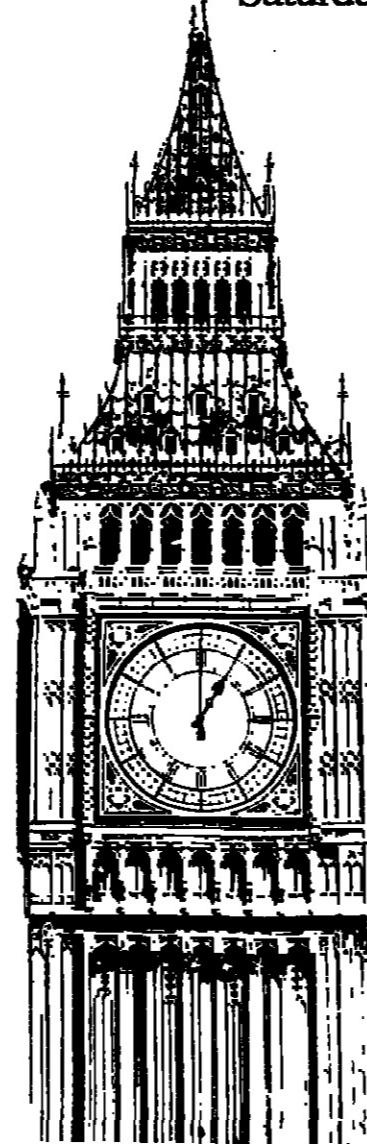
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Ambassador calls for M.E. justice

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the text of a speech delivered to the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco by His Excellency Sheikh Faisal Al-Hegazy, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United States of America.

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Commonwealth Club, and Guests:

I appreciate this opportunity to meet and talk with you.

We have often heard the comment that all America tilts toward California. And if someone from abroad may say so, that again has surely proven true just a month ago, in election outcome.

A Washington there are now rumors that some of the diplomatic corps has taken horseback riding... "Western" style.

I am especially pleased to be here in San Francisco. The development of present-day Saudi Arabia really opened up to an important extent through a close and highly successful joint-venture between my country and a handful of far-sighted California businessmen, geologists and hardy, persevering field workers who went out from here in the bleak, early years of the 1950s... in the midst of the great, worldwide depression... way around the globe... hoping to find oil in the Kingdom.

The ultimate success of the endeavor is seen in the fact that the reserves discovered there, are now known to contain over a fifth of all the proven petroleum resources in the entire planet — a third of all the oil in the world internationally available.

Here in San Francisco, the basic principles of Saudi Arabia's relationship with the rest of the world, and particularly with the United States, can also fairly be said to have been laid on a firm and lasting foundation — at the founding conference of the United Nations in 1945. The Kingdom was a charter member and key participant at that historic conference.

A partnership between Saudi Arabia and California is obviously close and long — and mutual benefit. We are now working with a host of businesses, banks and other organizations and with many thousands of individuals in this state.

I do not want to confine my comments, however, to just that relationship. I like to consider more fully with you the ones and responsibilities which Saudi Arabia and the United States share on behalf of ourselves and most of the rest of the world.

The Saudi-U.S. relationship began a half century ago, with the arrival of a handful of Californians in the Kingdom, the primary international power in that part of the world was Great Britain. It had ties of experience east of Suez.

The United States, in contrast, then had the most incidental and infrequent contacts with the Arabian Peninsula and the rest of the world around the Indian Ocean.

Sheikh Abdulaziz chose the newly arrived largely unknown Americans because they were energetic and showed an easy, mutual respect essential to the success of a shared venture between distant and distinct peoples.

During World War II, Saudi Arabia and the United States took a number of steps to strengthen their diplomatic and other relations.

At the end of that war, President Franklin D. Roosevelt went directly from a conference

in the Crimea with Churchill and Stalin on the Post-war world, to confer with King Abdulaziz just outside of Suez on the same basic subject. In response to the King's strongly expressed concern, the American President gave assurance that no action would be taken after the war adverse to the increasingly encroached-upon Palestinian people.

After Roosevelt's death, that commitment was not kept. The consequences have been dangerously destabilizing in our sector of the world ever since.

Now, with the global importance of the Middle East's petroleum reserves plus the historic development taking place in Arab society and the quickening of Islam, the destabilizing consequences of the Arab-Israeli conflict have come to imperil not only our sector of the world but practically the entire international community, including most of the developed economies and security arrangements of vital importance to the United States and just about everyone else.

Expressed in affirmative terms, an overall settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict would almost surely result in unprecedented strength and opportunity flowing from throughout the Arab and Muslim worlds reinforcing America's and our shared interest in international stability and the peace of the world. That could be the most consequential development possible in the coming years, with global effect.

Fortunately, despite the increasingly explosive Arab-Israeli problem, Saudi Arabia and the United States have generally been able to work closely together on a broad range of other challenges, including trade, energy, finance, and the economic well-being of both nations and the security of the global community as a whole.

A decade ago Saudi Arabia was producing barely three and a half million barrels of oil a day. Currently it is producing over ten million barrels daily.

Three times within just the last two years, the Kingdom has raised production when a serious international shortage was developing — when Iran changed governments and production dropped at the onset of 1979 ... when gasoline lines suddenly developed here in the United States in late spring of last year ... and when the Iraqi-Iranian war broke out this autumn.

Throughout all of this, the Kingdom has worked hard and at times almost alone for oil pricing fair to both the consuming and producing nations.

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given to the American economy.

We have sought to work constructively with the United States even when we have deeply disagreed with it on a problem — the Israeli-Palestinian issue — crucial in our, not your, part of the world.

It has become increasingly difficult, however, to understand America's repeated delays and claimed impotence to carry out its declared policy of a comprehensive Middle East settlement.

Absolutely essential to an overall settlement is effectively helping to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian issue at the core of the destabilizing danger to the Middle East and thus to the international economy and world peace itself.

The Palestinian-Israeli problem is the one issue which divides the United States and Saudi Arabia — and, in truth, now divides the United States from its key supporters abroad and from practically all of the rest of the world.

The Arab and Muslim world feel a profound sense of outrage at the injustice of the Israeli occupation of Arab lands and Muslim holy places; and the denial of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, including to govern themselves and have their own state. No one should think that the Arab and Muslim people are going to be diverted from fighting those basic wrongs.

All of the Arab states have committed themselves to the right of the Palestinian people to govern themselves, with the Palestine Liberation Organization the designated representative to achieve that.

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Schmitz posts the day's gold and silver prices outside his mint.

The 52-year-old minter also stamps out gold and silver commemorative medallions as

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By Charles Hillinger

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"I've been a collector of artifacts from early days in the Mother Lode since I was in my teens. I've got most of the old mining memorabilia that belonged to my Uncle Louis," he explained.

Schmitz operated a successful plastic molding business in the San Francisco Bay area for 10 years, then sold out to move to Nevada City in 1975 and start his one-man mint. He stamps out gold and silver bars for miners and

Heart patients saved by prams

LONDON. — It looks comical, but it is a pram race for life.

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It started after a grateful patient donated a pram to the hospital. "Porters found they could run the pram quickly along corridors and lift it upstairs instead of wasting time waiting for lifts," said consultant anaesthetist Dr. Jeffrey Cundy. "This sort of trolley available for cardiac arrest cost hundreds of pounds, are quite heavy and have to be put into a lift. They wouldn't move as fast as a pram."

Now the hospital is appealing for second-hand prams to expand its fleet and to cannibalise for spare wheels.

Gold rush goes on at California mint

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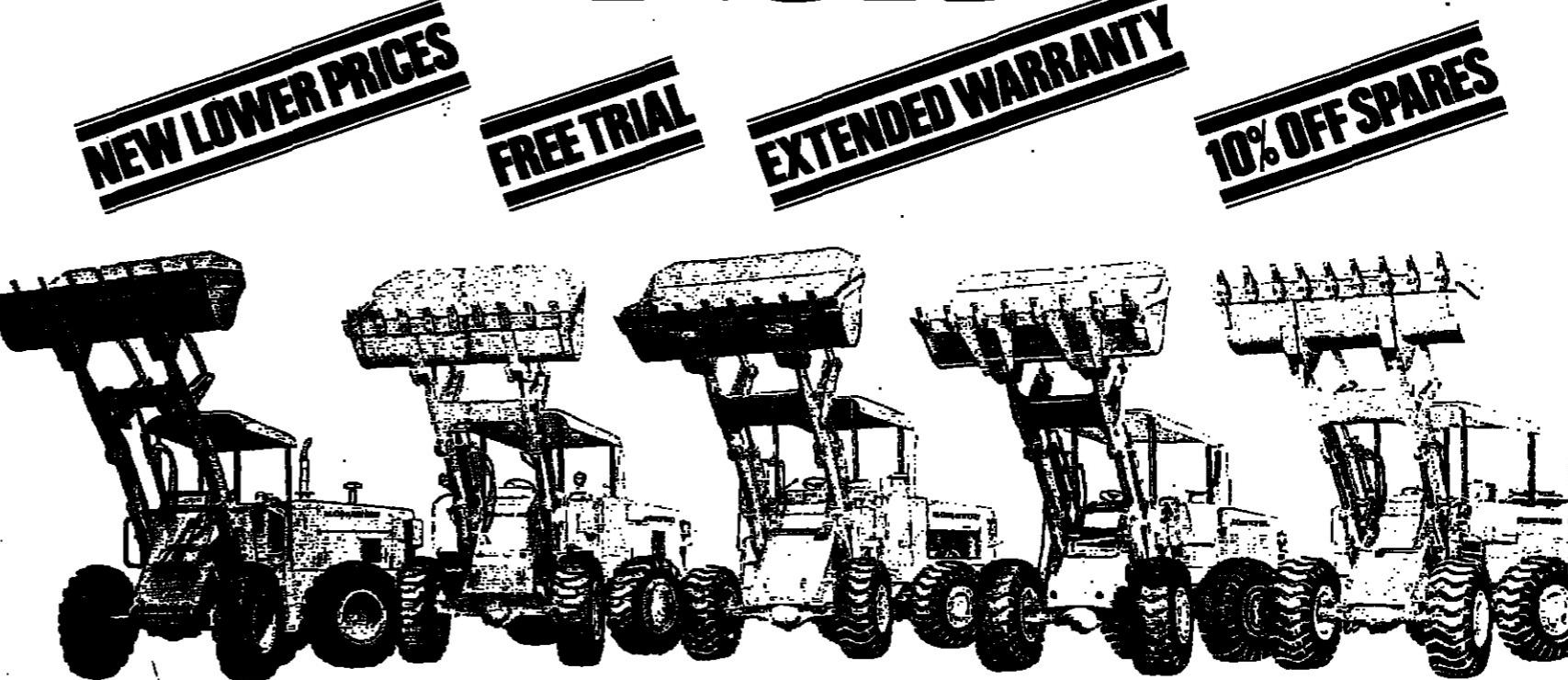
for anyone else interested in buying them. He has produced nearly 100 different gold and silver medallions at the mint.

As the official minter for Nevada, he operates the original minting press at the historic Carson City mint where he stamps out commemorative coins sold by the state. In his mint in Nevada City, Schmitz stamps out ingots and gold and silver pieces on a 600-ton pressure clamp knuckle press and on a 100-pound drop-hammer press. Both presses are antiques.

Ort's son, Emil, ran the assay office until his death in 1953. Then the building stood empty for years. The state had planned to raze the small brick structure to make way for a freeway through Nevada City. The building was spared, however, when the California Heritage Council launched a campaign to save it.

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On the outer edge of Europe

Life is slow but good in Ireland's rains

(Edward O'Neill is a writer, formerly based in Washington, D.C., who retired to Ireland last spring.)

By Edward A. O'Neill

TUOSIST, Ireland (WP) — Here on the outer fringe of Europe, a stormy autumn arrived hard on the heels of an abominably cold, wet summer. I have stopped looking at the Irish Times' weather map because I know it will just show another low pressure system off Iceland headed straight this way. And my wife, Lo, packed away her bathing suit unused. Except to feed our garbage to the gulls at low tide, she hasn't been near the water since we moved to Southwest Ireland from Washington, D.C. in April.

Why did we do it, our county Kerry friends ask in puzzlement? Their questions contrast markedly with those asked last spring by the much missed friends and family members we

were leaving behind, who seemed to understand (and, in many cases, envy) our decision to try, in our sixties, a new way of life in a new country.

Our neighbor in rural Tuosist have made us warmly welcome with gifts of fresh eggs, new-dug potatoes, rhubarb, jam of black currant jam and cuttings for Lo to set out on our acre and a quarter. They have advised us on weeding and plowed and manured our small vegetable garden. But, while helping us to settle in, most people here have been less than successful in their courteous efforts to conceal their feelings that we must be mad. Why leave the States, with all the ease and material advantages Americans have? And where it's cheaper, too?

Our Kerry neighbors have a point. A Dublin columnist recently wrote that visiting Irish-Americans no longer speak fondly of "Dear old Ireland" but complain about costs in "Dear, dear Ireland." Inflation (at an

annual rate of 20 per cent) and, to some extent, the effects of membership in the European Economic Community have brought European prices to the Irish Republic without, in most instances, comparable European value and amenities. And this, for us, at a time when the dollar is doing poorly against European currencies, including the Irish.

"It's so beautiful here," Lo said, trying to explain the reasons for our move to a polite but persistent elderly questioner at the Pier House, one of the three pubs — each a distinctive social center — within a five-mile radius of the townland of Canfee, where we have settled.

"Ah, of course," he agreed. "it is that. But a man can't live on a view."

Maybe not. We don't really know yet. Six years of visiting South Kerry whenever we could swing the fare and free time had confirmed for us a mutual initial impression that this was the landscape of our desire: pine trees, palm trees, bamboo, and huge rhododendrons beside the sea against a backdrop of rugged, rock-faced mountains. Our visits had also taught us that this lush spot takes a lot of rain to keep it so.

But "soft" Irish weather was what we had experienced: frequent gentle showers, often with rainbows, broken by what the forecasters on Radio Eireann describe as "right spells." Not rain in torrents. Not rain so hard and steady that the boggy hillside behind the house we now own could hold no more and water flooded from our back door and out the front. Not rain every day save three from late May through June, July and August.

Those are the months that are supposed to compensate residents for the dark, Irish winter when the sun rises late and sets before tea. Summer months with 15 to 18 hours of day light (Tuosist is at the latitude of Southern Labrador) during which, in other years, we have gloried in the ever-changing patterns of sun and cloud shadow and mist on the 3,000-foot McGillicuddy's reeks across the Kenmare river below our house. This broad stretch of water, open to the Atlantic 15 miles west, is really a bay. It was designated a river, we have been told, so that the British lords who once owned all the shorelands (and still hold part of them) could retain fishing rights. This year for weeks at a time we have seldom seen the far side of the river, let alone the breathtaking vistas seaward.

One thing the summer-that-never-came verified: that is the sense we have always had

in rural Ireland of the indomitable spirit and wit of an island people who live intimately with the hazards of weather. Atlantic weather. Economic weather. Political weather.

Courage and humor are savored here as they can be only where a tragic sense of life — or at least the daily recognition of its uncertainties — prevails. How else could a Kerry farmer survive having to look at the sodden hay he cut between downpours in early summer still standing in September?

We spent these rainy months living our own version of that post-World War II novel, *Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House*.

The O'Neill version involves the 200-year-old, two-story, slate-roofed stone farmhouse we arranged to buy after living in it for six weeks in 1979. Although restored in 1968 by its British owner as a place for summer holidays, it needed a sizeable amount of renovation for year-round living.

We didn't expect to get this work done quickly. We were well aware that Ireland's usual tempo is rather slow. No Irishman would have it otherwise. What we didn't quite realize was how apt the metaphor would prove to be with "tradesmen" (Irish parlance for workers in the building trades).

Shortly after our arrival, our contractor himself made us some bookcases. These were set up only a few days before what worldly goods we had decided we couldn't live without — including 25 cartons of books — arrived from the port of Baltimore, via Rotterdam and Dublin. So far, so good. But it was nearly a month before the plumber-electrician, a young Dutch-born resident, appeared. Then came three days hazed with stone and plaster dust as holes were knocked through 2 1/2-foot walls to accommodate a maze of pipes and electrical conduits. When the dust had settled in a thin gray coating on everything — including all those just unpacked and half-shelved books — we had a new hot water tank, a solid fuel stove for cooking and heating, and three radiators in place. Then Ron, the Dutchman, in his capacity as plumber, found that he needed a pump to make the system work properly. It took another three weeks for that to be found.

The course thus set has continued. We have never known when someone might turn up to work or quite what the job might entail. Amazingly productive spasms of construction and clean-up have been followed by long periods in which we have waited while the



KILLERS — Spectators at the Sea World in Orlando, Florida can see how it feels to be underwater with a man-eating shark thanks to a new tunnel under a glass tank. The public can walk within a few inches of the shark's razor-sharp teeth, but they are assured that the glass is very thick and unbreakable!

tradesmen have gone off on some other job. My mother-in-law, a wise woman of Irish descent, has written recently to say that she believes we will be very happy here when we finally get settled. "if your money and your health hold out." Well, we have found a pretty barber in Kenmare who cuts our hair in her shop ("Will-o-the-Wisp — ladies and gentlemen hair dressing") for a pound (about \$2.35) apiece. That helps balance the high price of food and drink. We also have found an excellent doctor, who clearly keeps up to date on matters that affect us. He charges 4 pounds for an office visit. Our Washington physician might like to know that the medical records he has compiled on us over the years "read like a novel" to our man in Kenmare, who says he "sat up half the night over them" I think he was kidding.

We'll never know for sure, though, when a Kerryman is having us on. They're subtle, wonderful people. We like living among them, more all the time. And the beauty of this place, when the rains break and the Western light streaks the sea with silver, never fails to move us. In short, despite problems, what we can report from Tuosist after six months here is that life is good.



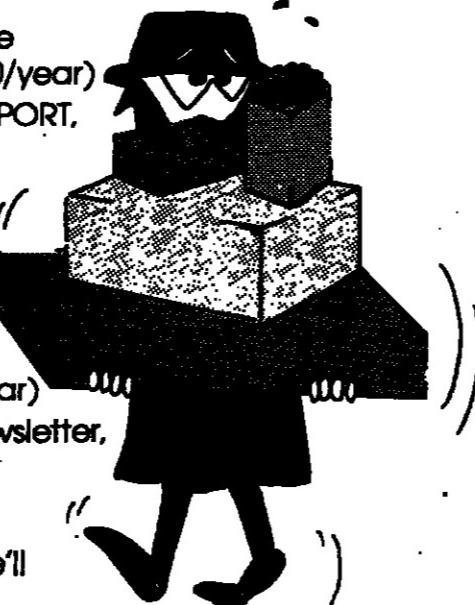
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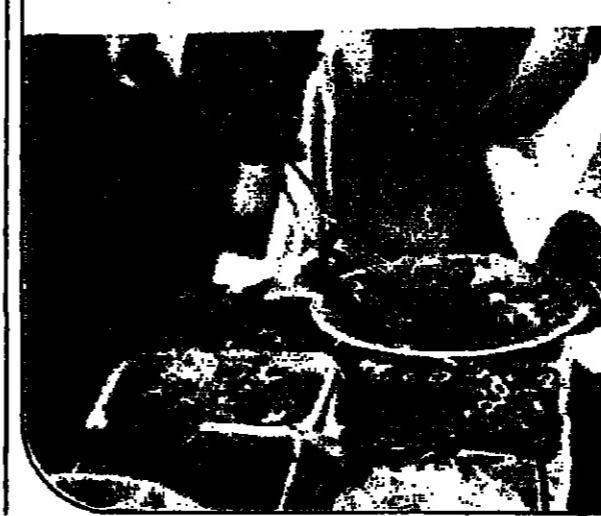
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68 die in jet crash on Colombian coast

BOGOTA, Dec. 22 (Agencies) — All 68 people aboard a Colombian airliner were killed when it crashed on the Caribbean coast Sunday and the owners said a bomb explosion may have been the cause.

The French-built Caravelle, on a domestic flight from the northern coastal town of Riohacha to the central city of Medellin, crashed into rocky ground seven minutes after takeoff. Capt. Alfonso Sanchez, manager of Aerovias del Cesar airline, said none of the 62 passengers and six crew was thought to have survived. His 16-year-old daughter was one of the passengers.

He said an explosion, possibly caused by a hijack attempt, might have occurred, but added: "These are only presumptions and the accident's real cause will only be known when civilian aeronautics officials finish their investi-

tigation."

The disaster was the low point in a dismal week for Colombian aviation. Last Monday left-wing guerrillas hijacked an airliner carrying 100 passengers, on Friday an air force DC-6 was damaged on landing at Bogota and on Friday a Boeing 707 cargo plane was virtually destroyed in a faulty landing.

The plane crashed at 2:45 p.m., about 10 minutes after it took off from Riohacha, about 800 kms north of Bogota.

The company received a telephone call earlier in the day from a person not giving his name, saying, "It would be better to detain the plane because it won't reach its destination," said an airline spokesman, Alicia Fonseca. "It was apparent sabotage," she said.

Baroness Maria Augusta Von Trapp, who died in her nightgown, was reported safe. Some of the 46 guests in the lodge, once a farmhouse, jumped out of second-and third-story windows to escape the fire.

The three-story wooden lodge, a popular tourist attraction, in Stowe, burned to the ground. Only four chimneys stood above the rubble at dawn. The cold and lack of water at the remote mountain lodge hampered efforts of firefighters.

Sally Von Trapp, wife of one of Mrs. Trapp's grandsons, said the blaze began in an oil burner in the basement, and that a night watchman alerted guests. Mrs. Von Trapp's son, Johannes, who operated the lodge, said there was no doubt it would be rebuilt.

A motel annex, located across the street from the main lodge, was not damaged but was evacuated as a precaution, sending an additional 55 guests into the night. The guests from both the main lodge and the annex spent the night in neighboring lodges.

Mrs. Von Trapp and her husband, the late Baron George Von Trapp, settled in the house, nestled on a mountain above the village of Stowe, a few years after their 1938 flight from Nazi-occupied Austria.

They said they picked the old farmhouse because its location reminded them of the Austrian tyrol they had left behind. At their home, which they called "Cor unum," Latin for "One Heart," the couple ran a music camp that attracted hundreds of children each year. When they first arrived in the United States in 1938, the couple and their 10 children made their living by giving concerts throughout the United States.

Bombs rock station

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP) — Manhattan's Pennsylvania Station was rocked Sunday evening by two powerful pipe bombs planted in lockers in a main-level waiting area, police said. No injuries were reported.

The crowded station was evacuated immediately afterwards and incoming trains were halted kilometers away from the station. Police said the explosions occurred at 5:55 and 6:05 p.m. at opposite ends of a bank of lockers.



(AP photo)
PROTECTION: Three Miami, Florida, men stand guard with rifles in front of their tire company after a jury acquitted a policeman charged with killing a black insurance executive. Earlier acquittals of officers involved in the incident sparked violent riots in the city's black neighborhood.

Nixon lays claim to pay for papers

WASHINGTON Dec. 22 (WP) — Former President Richard Nixon went to federal court here recently to preserve his right to any money he may be owed since the government had kept his personal and presidential papers and other materials.

Nixon filed suit in U.S. District Court against the Federal government under a provision of the 1974 Presidential Recordings and Materials Preservation act that says money should be set aside to pay a former president whose property is taken by the government. Congress has said that White House documents, papers, tapes, photographs and notes in the hands of presidents who served before Jan. 20, 1981 are theirs to keep. With the inauguration of President-elect Ronald Reagan, the president's official records become public property.

Nixon's lawyer, R. Stan Mortenson, said that the lawsuit was a "purely precautionary measure" to protect any "rights and options in the future" that Nixon may have under the act. The lawsuit does not mention a specific amount of compensation.

The act provides that the director of the General Services Administration take cus-

tody of presidential materials for screening by government archivists to determine which materials should be preserved for historical purposes or for use in judicial proceedings and which should be returned.

In his lawsuit, Nixon contends he has denied access to his materials and forced to incur "considerable expense" in an effort to resolve legal challenges to decisions made in connection with the act.

Nixon sure of Haig

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (LAT) — Striving to pave the way for the nomination of Alexander Haig as secretary of state, a key Haig supporter in the Senate has offered the word of Richard Nixon to clear Haig's name of any taint from the Watergate scandal.

"I tried to find out what was on the (Watergate) tapes, so I called the world's most outstanding authority on the tapes, Richard M. Nixon," Senator Sesses Helms said. "I asked him if there was anything on the tapes that could discredit Al Haig."

According to Helms, Nixon replied: "Absolutely not. And I know more about those tapes than anyone else."

Galicia opts for autonomy; turnout poor

LA CORUNA, Spain, Dec. 22 (AFP) — Regional autonomy for Galicia was approved by 71 per cent of voters in a referendum held here in Spain's northwest corner Sunday, an interior ministry source announced Monday.

Autonomy was opposed by 20 per cent of voters while 8 per cent of ballots were blank or spoiled. Only 26 per cent of the eligible voters actually cast ballots. There was a higher proportion of abstentions in rural areas than in cities, where the percentage of votes against autonomy was highest.

Although regional autonomy was a relatively hot issue in Catalonia and the Basque area, it met with much apathy in Galicia, one of Spain's poorest areas. Many inhabitants said the only impact of autonomy on them was likely to be heavier taxes.

Veteran's head picking up music from radio station

MIAMI, Florida, Dec. 22 (AP) — Third-year medical student Stephen Liggett was surprised when a psychiatric patient reported hearing music in his head. Liggett was more surprised to determine that the music apparently was coming from a Miami radio station.

The patient, a Vietnam war veteran who had about 10 fragments of shrapnel embedded in his skull, may be a walking radio receiver, Liggett said. Liggett contends the shrapnel could be acting as a radio receiver for signals from radio station WQAM.

The 28-year-old patient said he heard radio commercials and country music blaring inside his head. The man, who complained of depression and headaches, underwent a complete neurological workup after being admitted to the Veterans Administration Hospital here.

The patient said the sounds he heard were muffled, but he said he could differentiate between music, news and commercials. Liggett asked the man to identify the station on radio. The man turned the dial and then cried, "That's it." He was told to listen as Liggett put on a radio earphone so only he could hear the radio and asked the man to tell him when the music stopped and started and when the news came on.

"He knew exactly when the station stopped playing one song and switched to another. It was incredible," said Liggett.

Liggett said he would have liked to have tested the patient further, but the man left on his own and hasn't returned.

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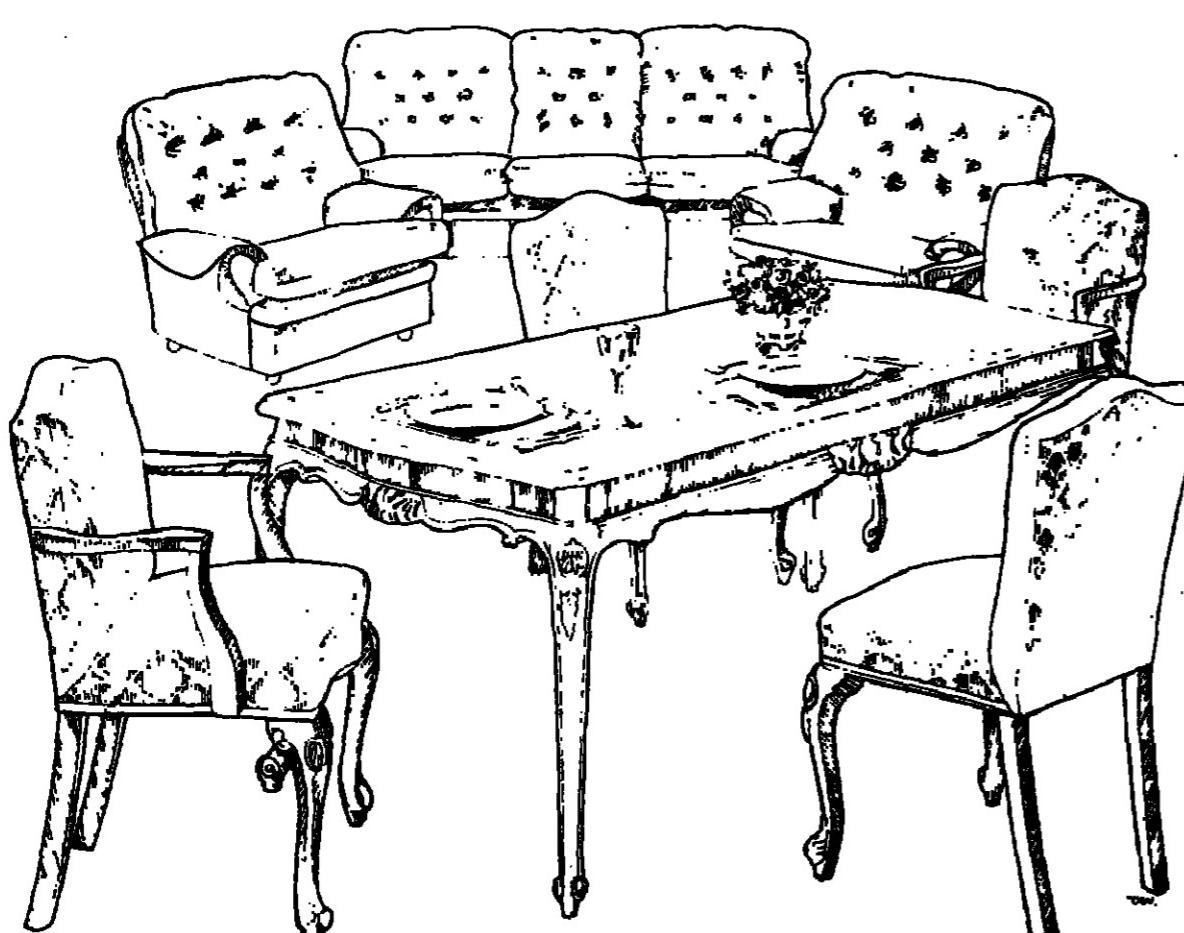


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Feisty Hayakawa admits he's failed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (LAT) — A subdued Senator S.I. Hayakawa, Republican-California who came to the U.S. Senate four years ago to shake things up, says he once considered not running for re-election in 1982 because of an inability to win acceptance for his proposals.

The 74-year-old semantist, recently named as the least effective senator in a survey by the muckraking magazine *Washington*, vowed recently to work harder and become a "more thoroughly professional senator."

Blaming most of his failures on the fact that he was a powerless Republican in the Democrat-controlled Senate, Hayakawa said in an interview that he now plans to run for re-election, since the Republicans will gain control of the Senate next month and he will be chairman of three subcommittees. "I'm going to start kicking people around. I shall be drunk with power," he joked while eating a sandwich in the Senate dining room.

"I shall have to work harder," he said, "and I feel I've (already) been working too damn hard these last four years. I shall have to do a lot more personal lobbying... I'll have to be better informed about everything, and I'll have to learn parliamentary procedure far better than I know it now."

The battle for Hayakawa's seat in 1982 already has begun, with all signs pointing to the most star-studded race in California politics. Representatives Barry Goldwater Jr., and Paul McCloskey Jr. already are campaigning for the GOP senatorial nomination, while Gov. Edmund "Terry" Brown, president-elect Ronald Reagan's daughter, Maureen Reagan, former Senator John Tunney, and activist Tom Hayden are pondering whether to run.

McCloskey, who has stepped down as ranking Republican on the House merchant marine and fisheries committee to devote more time to his senatorial campaign, predicted Hayakawa's age would be the dominant factor in the race.

"I have great respect for the old man," McCloskey said, "he has no peer in his ability to state the truth in a way that hits you between the eyes. But I don't think a person at the age of 76 should run for a six-year term in the Senate. I've told him that."

After a highly publicized nap during a May 1979, White House meeting with President Carter and Gov. Brown, Hayakawa admitted that he has a sleepiness problem that he sometimes treats with caffeine pills or the stimulant dextroamphetamine. At that time Hayakawa issued a signed statement from his physician, who said that his "overall health is excellent,

for a person his age."

Hayakawa has long cultivated a frisky image, with his colorful tam-o'-shanter, one-line jokes and tap-dancing. But his reputation as a folk hero for standing up to student radicals when he was president of San Francisco State University in the 1960s has failed to translate into power in the Senate.

A black and white portrait of Senator S.I. Hayakawa, showing him from the chest up, wearing a dark suit and tie, looking slightly to the right of the camera.

Senator Hayakawa

"He came here as a colorful character," a fellow Republican senator said, "but as far as legislative accomplishments, he has not had the staff, or whatever it took. He has not been able to work the system the way you have to as a member of the minority party. I don't think that Sam had that kind of procedural patience."

While Hayakawa is regarded with affection and respect for his fearless approach to politics and issues, he concedes that he has not had the lightning-rod impact he had hoped for.

"You get points for getting legislation passed, not for giving the wisest speech," he said ruefully. "I never gave up entirely, but there were many, many times I could see there wasn't much point in starting because the numbers were all against you."

Although some contend it takes at least four years to learn the ways of the Senate, and that it is difficult to make headway as a member of the minority party, there are those who claim Hayakawa could have accomplished more than he has.

"He is a gentle and genial man," said a Democrat who has watched Hayakawa at work, "but in legislative terms—and conceptional terms, which was thought to be his strength—he has been a little less than nothing."

Canadians irritated by aggressive southern neighbor

TORONTO, Canada, Dec. 22 (AP) — In Toronto, Canadians listen to country and western singer Lynn Anderson on their Chevrolet car radio as they rush home to see the television show "Dallas." They curl up with a cup of Maxwell House coffee to read their *People* magazine. They pay their dues through an IBM computer to a trade union headquarters in Detroit. All those items came from the United States.

Down south, some Americans fry their eggs with Canadian gas, some even use Canadian eggs. Others ride to work onways powered by Canadian volts, many read the news printed on Canadian paper. The relationship between these two countries — the world's number 1 and number 7 economic powers — is one of the most remarkable, and lucrative, in world history. In many ways, the 6,419 km border between the United States and Canada is less a border than an invitation to trade, travel and investment. It is an invitation that 70 million travelers a year accept.

Interviews across Canada with political and business leaders, academics and others showed that many Canadians are increasingly concerned that the partnership has tilted too much in the United States' favor, and that U.S. interests own too much of Canada. "There is no industrialized country that has so much of its economy controlled outside its borders," said Herb Gray, the minister for trade, industry and commerce in Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau's government.

New frictions are developing on "the world's friendliest border" over issues of economics and environment, and some in Canada are apprehensive that things could grow hotter with President-elect Ronald Reagan taking over in Washington.

Each country is the other's most important trading partner. The United States sells as much to Canada — \$40 billion worth of exports last year — as the entire European Common Market. Seventy per cent of Canada's exports go to the United States.

The market value of American-held assets in Canada is estimated at well over \$100 billion. Canadian money has poured south as well. The Canadian Institute of Public Real Estate companies estimates that one-third of the assets of its members — all of them large-scale developers — is in the United States.

At the heart of the partnership is the use of Canada's vast natural resources — energy, forests, iron and other minerals — to meet U.S. industrial needs. U.S. interests held 40 per cent of the assets of Canada's petroleum and coal sales, and controlled 40 per cent of Canadian manufacturing, including 97 per cent of automotive manufacturing.

By 1979, a public opinion poll indicated only two out of five Canadians thought U.S. investment in their country has been good. America simply has milked Canada for all its worth, contends Mel Hurtig, a book publisher in Edmonton, and a leader of the "economic nationalist" movement in Canada.

"The multinationals have been sending much more money out of Canada than they have been bringing in, he said. "...Every hour roughly \$1.1 million leaves the country."

The Americanization of Canada can be seen everywhere — in the architecture of Canadian cities, on the television screen, in

the lists of best-selling books. Eighty-five per cent of the magazines sold in Canada and 96 per cent of the movies are American.

Americanization was inevitable. From New Brunswick to British Columbia, almost all of Canada's 24 million people live within 150 km of the U.S. border.

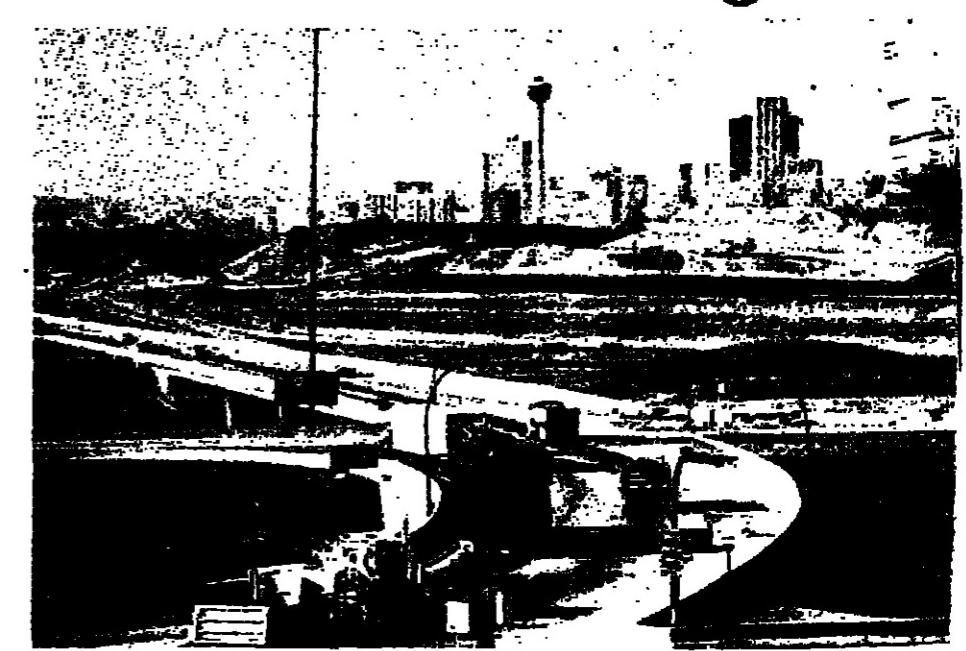
In the coming months, the two governments have an agenda of knotty problems to resolve between them. Trudeau has invited Reagan to Canada at his earliest convenience to discuss them. "I want to give notice to the new administration in Washington that it must consider its relations with us as a priority," Foreign Secretary Mark MacGuigan said recently.

Many of the issues might be considered minor, but that does not apply to the top item on the Canadian list — the failure of the U.S. Senate to ratify the U.S.-Canadian maritime boundaries and fisheries treaties. After both nations declared 320 km economic zones off their shores in 1977, it became necessary to redefine water boundaries and fishing rights. The resulting treaties assign to American and Canadian fishermen percentage shares of fish stocks in various common sectors off the two countries' coasts.

The documents were signed by the Jimmy Carter administration in March 1979, but have been blocked by U.S. senators from fishing states, who felt the treaties favor Canada.

Other key irritants in U.S.-Canadian relations:

Acid rain — Rain falling on eastern Canada contains acidic air pollution that



(Courtesy) BLURRED NATIONALITY: From this distance as well as up close, the Canadian city of Calgary, could be any western metropolis in the United States. Its cars, roads and architecture, magazine, TV shows and foods, are virtually all of U.S. origin, causing some Canadians to question their country's relationship with the giant to the south.

often originates in the smokestacks of coal-burning U.S. power plants. The two governments have agreed to work toward a treaty to combat the problem, but the Canadians are worried by U.S. plans to increase the use of coal and by Reagan's tendency to make environmental issues secondary to economic issues.

Trade — The Canadians are disturbed by "Buy American" laws that limit the access of their products to parts of the American market. They also are dissatisfied with a 1965 agreement providing for free trade in the automotive industry because it has led to a consistent Canadian deficit in that trade.

Water projects — Canada says a proposed irrigation project in the U.S. border state of North Dakota would harm commercial fisheries in Canada. The Canadians also object to other water projects in the border states of Maine and Washington.

Taxes — To help Canadian broadcasting, the Ottawa government in 1976 prohibited income-tax deductions for Canadian firms that advertise on U.S. stations. American border stations lost Canadian revenue as a result. That same year, the United States restricted tax write-offs for conventions held abroad, and that cost Canada millions in potential spending by American conventioneers.

Economic nationalism — The United States has complained about the "increasingly restrictive direction" of the Ottawa government's controls on foreign investment in Canada.

Augsburg agent rents regal guests

AUGSBURG, West Germany, Dec. 22 (AP) — Jürgen Rilling has a regal idea — royalty rental. Agent Rilling, 34, who is himself a mere hew, has a list of counts and barons and their elegant titled wives ready to hire themselves out as "guests" — at a price.

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Gasoline prices in U.S. increased

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22 (AP) — Gasoline prices at pump stations in the United States already have risen nearly a penny because of OPEC's decision to raise crude oil prices, and Americans could face an average price of \$1.45 for a gallon of gas by next December, an oil industry analyst said Sunday. Dan Lundberg, who publishes an industry newsletter, said his publication's weekend survey of 14,000 stations nationwide indicated an 0.8 cent across-the-board increase for all types of gasoline, "while the refiners took a virtual immediate penny increase."

Gasoline sold over the weekend at both self-service and full service stations averaged about \$1.22 a gallon compared to 1.21 for the Dec. 5 weekend. Refiners' prices went from

about 98 cents to 99 cents during the same time. Lundberg said his survey indicated the increase took place within the last four days.

Consumers didn't feel the full pinch of the refiners' increases because dealers again lowered their profit margin. Dealers now make an average of 9 cents per gallon, about half the profit the federal Department of Energy allows, he said.

The Lundberg letter, distributed by Lundberg from his North Hollywood office, said the average price increase announced by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries at its meeting in Bali, Indonesia, last week would come to \$3 a barrel — or an average of 6 cents per gallon of petroleum products for American consumers.

West German economy plunges into recession

PARIS, Dec. 22 (AFP) — West Germany, which has the strongest Western economy, was plunged into recession in the second half of this year, but should recover gradually with an anticipated "modest" acceleration in world trade over the next 18 months. Giving this assessment in its latest report on the economic outlook, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said sluggish growth would boost

OPEC to hold meeting in May

KUWAIT, Dec. 22 (R) — The next ministerial conference of the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) will be held May 25 in Geneva, government spokesman Abdul-Aziz Hussein said Monday. A press communiqué on last week's OPEC conference in Bali, Indonesia, had set the date but not the venue for the next meeting.

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Second fire in N. Poland at site of blazing oil well

WARSAW, Dec. 22 (R) — A second fire has broken out on the site of a blazing oil well in northern Poland where an estimated \$2 million worth of oil a day has been burning unchecked for two weeks, officials said. The news agency PAP said the second fire had complicated the situation at the Daszewo exploratory oil well near the town of Kartino. Oil was burning at a rate of 480 tons an hour, according to unofficial estimate.

The fire broke out when a drill pierced the upper layer of an oil deposit, causing ignition from a tremendous release of pressure. Several people were injured in the initial blast which sent flames hundreds of feet into the air.

The fire burned both horizontally and vertically, and Sunday Polish army units pounded the site with shells to clear the ground above the site of crumpled and red hot drilling equipment.

Soviet and Hungarian experts are helping to control the two fires, led by the top Soviet oil firefighter Leon Kalynev, he added.

Officials said the latest plans to extinguish the fire consisted of drilling extra bores near the flaming place to release underground pressure. Polish Mining Minister Mieczyslaw Glinowski told reporters he believed the fire would be put out within a week, although other officials quoted in the Polish press were more cautious.

The sight of previous oil burning in a country which has produced only 350,000 tons of crude a year has provoked anger and frustration — and also encouraged speculation that Poland has made a major oil find. But the mining minister said it was too early to judge.

The estimates of the amount of oil burning, published in the Polish newspaper *Kwiaty Polski*, would mean in theory that the well was capable of producing four million tons of oil a year. "All speculation about big oil finds near Kartino are proof of wishful thinking," mining experts Adam Hanes said. "We have already made two drillings in the neighborhood without finding any traces of gas or oil," he added.

Algeria, Britain agree on prices of natural gas

ALGIERS, Dec. 22 (AFP) — The Algerian state-owned Sonatrach Energy Company and the British Gas Corporation have reached an interim agreement on the price of supplies of natural gas to Britain, sources close to the energy and petrochemical industries ministry here said Saturday. The agreement, covering nine months, will enable the two sides to work on a longer five-year period which will extend the 15-year deal work on a longer five-year period which will extend the 15-year deal concluded in 1969, the sources said.

The latest agreement stipulates the delivery to Britain of natural gas at an average F.O.B. price of \$4.60 per one million British Thermal Units (BTU) during the interim period. This will rise to \$4.80 next July 1,

during which time the two companies will continue discussions, the sources said.

Quantities involved were not revealed, but the sources expected them to be equal to the current rate of Algerian deliveries to Britain — one million cubic meters. It is the first agreement signed here this year, while price terms started a year ago between Sonatrach and its two principal customers El Paso and the United States and Gaz de France have still to be concluded.

El Paso, which in 1978 began extracting 101,000 million cubic meters annually under an agreement with Sonatrach, but it has halted exports earlier this year when the Algerian company demanded substantial price increases.

Tankers off Syrian port await resumption of oil

DAMASCUS, Dec. 22 (R) — Four tankers are lying idle off the Syrian port of Banias waiting for Iraq to resume pumping oil through a pipeline across Syria, industry sources said Monday in Damascus. The sources said Iraq stopped pumping shortly after exports through the trans-Syria pipeline were resumed at the start of December.

No formal reason was given by the Iraqis for the disruption in supplies, first halted at the start of the Gulf war with Iran. But the sources in Damascus said they believed there may have been some damage to installations in the north Iraqi oil center of Kirkuk, which has been repeatedly bombed by the Iranians. They rejected reports that the 880-km pipeline had been damaged by saboteurs.

Oil industry sources in Ankara said last Friday that exports through Iraq's only other outlet, a pipeline through Turkey, were now back to the normal 600,000 barrels a day

Bahrain expands aluminum smelter with 2 furnaces

MANAMA, Dec. 22 (AP) — Bahrain will spend \$119.2 million in 1981 to expand its giant aluminum smelter with two additional furnaces and one gas — fueled power station, the *Alkhabar al-Khalas* newspaper reported Sunday. It said the first furnace will go on stream next May and the second in October. Work on the five-generator power station was started last week, the paper said. It gave no further details.

Aluminum Bahrain (Alba) is jointly owned by the Bahrain government 80 percent and the Saudi Arabia government 20 percent. By the end of 1979 Alba announced a net profit of \$51.8 million, five times as much as the 1978 yield, according to a company announcement.

Encouraged by steady profits, the government has been studying expansion projects for Alba's four production plants, a company sources said.

after five days of low levels.

Before the start of the Gulf war, Iraq was OPEC's second biggest exporter after Saudi Arabia. When pumping through the Syrian pipeline was resumed earlier this month, Syrian Oil Minister Abdel-Jabbar Dahik said Iraq was exporting 350,000 barrels a day by this route and he expected the figure to rise.

The tankers now at Banias were ordered to head for the oil port when pumping through the Syrian pipeline was resumed, but by the time they arrived the flow of Iraqi oil had ceased again, the sources reported. They did not have details of the vessels involved.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 600 P.M. Monday	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar (1,000)	—	8.86	8.85
Belgian Franc (1,000)	104.00	—	—
Canadian Dollar	2.78	—	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	167.00	171.00	170.20
Dutch Guilder (100)	154.00	—	151.55
Egyptian Pound	—	4.40	4.45
Emirati Dirham (100)	—	91.00	90.90
French Franc (100)	72.00	74.00	73.20
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	75.00	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	42.00
Iraqi Dinar (100)	—	9.50	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	35.00	36.50	36.10
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.00	—	16.15
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.86	10.79
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.27	12.26
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	91.00	91.00
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	81.50	81.86
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	33.70
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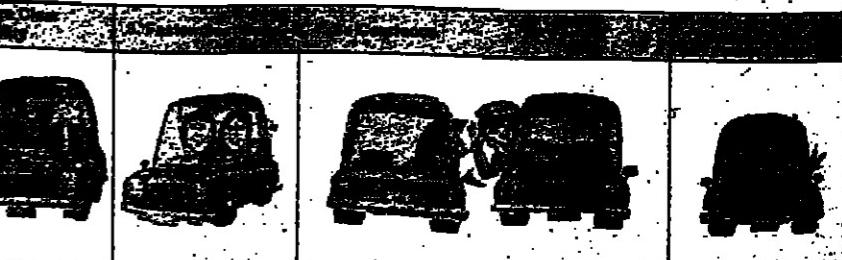
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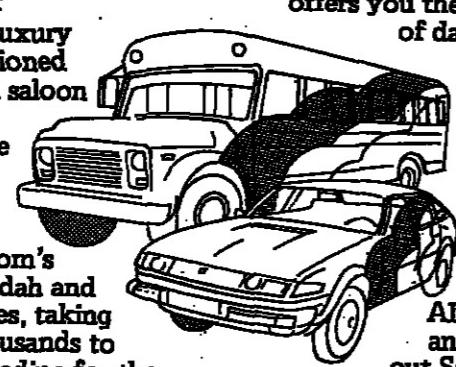
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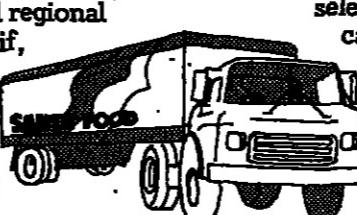


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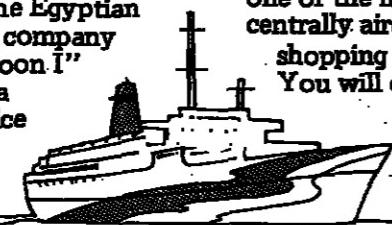
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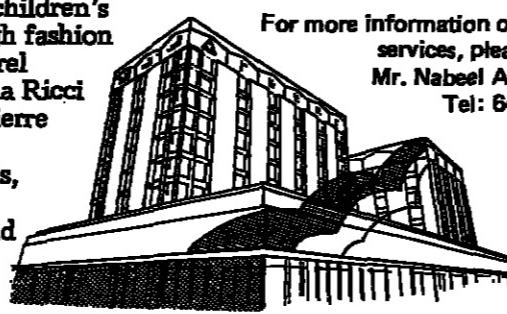


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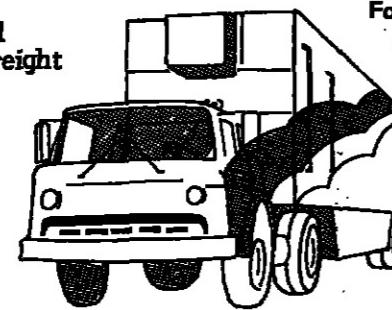
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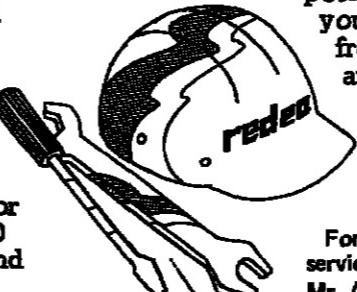


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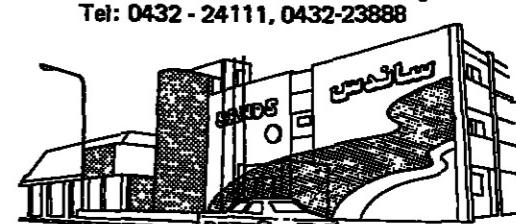
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As European soccer declines**Germans still successful**

LONDON, Dec. 22 (AP) — The continued excellence of West Germany, unbeaten in 23 internationals under manager Jupp Derwall, and the decline of Holland were the major talking points in international soccer during 1980.

The Germans dominated the European championship finals in Italy, defeating surprise finalist Belgium 2-1 in the decisive game in Rome's Olympic Stadium.

The Dutch, beaten finalists in both the 1974 and 1978 World Cup finals, failed to make the last four. Holland is now in danger of failing to qualify for the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain. Grouped with the Republic of Ireland, France, the rugged Belgians and Cyprus, the Dutch team has lost its first two qualifying round encounters.

Manager Jan Zwartkruis has remolded his entire squad, but with Rudi Krol's future uncertain and the Van Der Kerkhof brothers past their peak his task is not an easy one.

Not so that of Derwall, who took over from Helmut Schoen after the 1978 World Cup in Argentina and has yet to taste defeat.

His young team blossomed in Italy with Bernd Schuster and Hans Peter Briegel emerging as world class midfielders.

Hans Hrubesch, the tall, strong Hamburg striker, was West Germany's key player in the final, scoring the late winning goal with a craftsman's header.

Grouped with Austria, Bulgaria, Albania and Finland in World Cup qualifying group one, the Germans are certain to qualify for the finals and are also expected to be the top European team in the Mundialito, the mini-world cup tournament scheduled for Uruguay in the new year.

Soviets dominate swimming meet

ANTIBES, France, Dec. 22 (AF) — The Soviet Union and East Germany dominated the European short-pool (25 meters) Swimming Cup competition here this weekend between them taking first place in both the men's and women's events.

Vladimir Sainikov, 400 and 1,500 meters Olympic gold medalist and the first man ever to swim the opening half in less than 7 minutes, flashed to a best European performance in the 400 meters freestyle Saturday, finishing in 3:46.

His compatriot Vladimir Shmetov Saturday swept through the men's 200 meters backstroke final in 2:01.56, for another best European performance.

The surprises of the meeting was an inexperienced but powerful Swedish team, who finished second overall in the men's section and third overall in the women's.

They finished on a high note Sunday with a dramatic win in the men's 4x100 meters relay.

Italy and England, traditionally strong European teams, both flopped in the European championships. England's slump came at a strange time, shortly after an impressive friendly victory over world champion Argentina. Manager Ron Greenwood's team selection came in for much criticism — he left out Real Madrid winger Laurie Cunningham — but Greenwood retained his job.

England also lost a World Cup qualifier, 2-1 to Romania, but remains a likely qualifier.

Italian manager Enzo Bearzot's aging squad flopped in front of its home fans, losing 9-8 on penalties to Czechoslovakia in the third-place final.

Italy has won all four of its World Cup qualifiers to date, however, and forwards Bruno Conti and Alessandro Altobelli are interesting newcomers.

Robbed of Paolo Rossi for two seasons after a bribery scandal that rocked Italian soccer and ended with a number of top players suspended and AC Milan demoted, the Italians were less than confident about the Mundialito.

The Czechs, defending European champions, were also on the decline in 1980, but won the Olympic soccer tournament in Moscow — a competition dominated by eastern European teams.

The Czechs included internationals of the caliber of Ladislav Vizek, and defeated East Germany 1-0 in a final totally devoid of any Olympian spirit. Two players were sent off and the standard of play was appalling, despite the presence of Vizek and the German Schnupphase. Jindrich Svoboda scored the winner.

The Argentine national manager, Cesar Luis Menotti, took his team on a major tour with mixed results, but the World Cup holders ended the year with a punishing 5-0 victory over Switzerland.

Uruguay, two-time winners of the World Cup and hosts for the Mundialito were beaten by the form of club side Nacional, the South American Libertadores Cup champions.

Most of the Uruguayan national side play for Nacional, which meets Nottingham Forest of England in Tokyo in February to decide the world club championship.

The Uruguayan national team won six straight games prior to the Mundialito.

Brazil, without a major championship win for a decade, went into the mini-world cup full of confidence inspired by new coach Tele Santana, who replaced Claudio Coutinho.

On the club front, Nottingham Forest, managed by the even loquacious Brian Clough, had an up-and-down season, winning the European Cup for the second straight season, defeating Hamburg 1-0 in Madrid, and then losing to CSKA Sofia of Bulgaria in the first round of the 1981-81 competition.



WINNERS: Trophy winners at the EMCA meet hold their cups up to the crowd after the presentation.

Roma recovers after scare

ROME, Dec. 22 (AFP) — The hopes of Ascoli to cause a major upset in the Italian First Division after they had taken a fourth minute lead through Paolucci against Sociedad Roma had already evaporated by the half-time whistle.

Goals from Pruzzo (28th) Bellotto (own goal 34th) and Scarenchia (44th) put the home side comfortably back in the driving seat and Ancellotti added a fourth for good measure in the second-half.

But if Roma kept up their winning streak, it was a different story for their closest rivals Inter Milan. Inter had to be satisfied with a 1-1 draw against tough opponents Torino.

A superb headed goal by Graziani put Torino ahead in the 21st minute but slowly the home side settled and they were eventually rewarded with a 42nd minute equaliser from Ambu.

Fast-improving Juventus moved another step closer to the leaders when they hammered Udinese 4-0.

Brady opened the scoring for the home side after just 11 minutes and more goals followed from Causio (44th) Bettaga (pen-

alty 55th) and Marocchino (83rd).

At the foot of the table Perugia, one of the teams penalised five points at the start of the season for their involvement in the Italian bribes scandal, dominated their match against Naples but failed to turn their territorial advantage into goals. They took only one point in a 0-0 draw.

Meanwhile in Spain Atletico Madrid scored their 11th victory this weekend when they defeated Real Madrid 3-1 in the eagerly-awaited local derby.

Real Madrid, who have lost only one match since the season began, have now 26 points — four more than their closest rivals Valencia.

Valencia made no mistakes in their match against Osasuna and scored a 4-1 win.

At the other end of the table Almeria won their battle against bottom club Salamanca with a 3-2 home victory.

European Soccer Results

Spain	Goalscorers	0
Adelio Madrid	Real Madrid	1
Valladolid	Stragno	1
Almeria	Solomé	2
Atletico Bilbao	Salmerón	1
Seville	0	0
Murcia	Herrera	0
España	Boris	0
Gijón	0	0
Valencia	Real Sociedad	1
	Les Palmas	1
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Austrian takes Aspen event

Canadian wins downhill ski cup

SAIN MORITZ, Switzerland, Dec. 22 (AP) — The well-trained Canadians finally produced a winner in a World Cup Downhill race with Sunday's victory here by even Podborski.

Flashing fast behind him were Peter Wimberger, from the strong Austrian contingent, and world cup leader Peter Mueller of Switzerland.

Seeking towards the top was Soviet skier Alexei Tsyganov, in fourth, while the remaining point winners (top 15) were five Austrians, three Canadians, two Swiss and one American.

The Canadians and Austrians (five out of the top eight) have been carving up the world cup downhills between them with Mueller, perhaps Tsyganov, the only other remaining entries from the international field.

The Canadians trained early and hard this year, with summer skiing at such high-altitude spots as Times in the French Alps. On Dec. 7 at Val d'Isere, on the other side of the mountain from Tignes, the Canadians showed the fruit of their conditioning, finishing second, third, fourth, fifth and ninth in the top ten of the first downhill of the season, won by Austrian Uli Spies.

Mueller won the season's second downhill, Val Gardena in Italy, where Podborski, and Ken Read, tied for tenth, were the only Canadians in a top ten populated by five Americans, where only two had been at Val Gardena.

Austrian Hartl Weirather won the third downhill of the season, also at Val Gardena, as three Austrians were in the top five, in the top ten. The two Canadians in the ten, finished tied for sixth, Podborski in tenth.

Podborski, bronze medal winner in the men's downhill at Lake Placid, seemed

sure of a high placing Monday, saying "We've got it, we've got it," while warming up. The Canadian ace said after the race that he made one or two faults, unlike at Schladming, in Austria, last season, where he skied "perfectly" in a race he won but which was eventually cancelled because of rain.

Podborski now leads in the standings for the downhill while Mueller is the leader for the world cup.

Of course, Sweden's Ingemar Stenmark waits in the wings to rack up points in the slalom and special slalom events which dominate the rest of the season.

Mueller, perhaps mindful of this, complained about drawing the number one starting position Sunday. "In going first, third was about the best finish I could hope for," said the man who was the leader during the training runs. Read noted that Podborski had profited well from starting 10th.



SNOWBOUND: Perrine Pelen, from France, speeds slalom gates in Altenmarkt, Austria, to win the World Cup Special Slalom event.

Read, who finished ninth, was the fastest down the hill in the world cup race won previously by Podborski, at Morzine in France. Read was disqualified from that race.

In Aspen, Colorado, Austrian Andre Arnold won Sunday's \$3,100 slalom event in world cup skiing here by defeating Gunnar Grassi of Sweden.

It was the 25-year-old Arnold's second win in as many days in the \$60,000 Michelob Light Cup. The victory returned the three-time WPS champion to first place in the standings for the first time this season. After three meets, Arnold leads the WPS with 155 points and \$27,233 in earnings.

Hans Hintzeer, 26, of Austria, suffered severe leg cramps in his semifinal runs against Arnold and was forced to retire from the competition. He is now second in the standings with 145 points and \$18,700. Hintzeer came to Aspen tied for first place with American Richie Woodworth. Woodworth was in third place in the slalom Sunday and third among the tour leaders with 135 points and \$16,017.

He is followed by American Cory Murdoch, Francisco Ochoa, 30, Spain and Grassi, who are tied for fourth with 90 points.

Arnold, now in his fourth year as a pro, has won seven of 12 WPS races in Aspen since he joined the tour. He has won back-to-back victories a record nine times.

In copper Mountain, Colorado, Paul Carson, a local resident, captured first place in the slalom event of the Coors American ProTour Salomon Cup, vaulting into the overall tour lead.

Carson, 28, collected 35 points and \$2,000 with the victory, for a total of 55 points and \$2,800 so far in the tour. In the final round, Carson defeated Laurent Guffon, 23, of Le Suryot. Carson took both runs in the dual slalom event, winning by margins of .198 and .068.

Chances look slim in mini World Cup

Brazil downs Switzerland in feeble match

UIABA, Brazil, Dec. 22 (R) — Brazil did its run-up to the world champions tournament in Uruguay with a feeble 2-0 victory over Switzerland in the inland city of the Sunday.

Despite their evident skills and ingenuity, they showed a woeful lack of finishing. In two goals, a 10th-minute penalty by Zé Sérgio in the 30th minute, brought manager Ele Sancriste satisfaction in view of the 80 minutes of frustration in between.

To add to their discomfort is the knowledge Switzerland were beaten 5-0 Argentina 4-0 by Uruguay last week and both will be in the Montevideo tournament.

What was missed tonight was the inspiration coordination of midfield star Zico, for

areem Abdul-Jabbar passes

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Bucks 123, Rockets 91

Milwaukee center Bob Lanier, who suffered a neck injury Friday night in a game at Chicago, wasn't expected to play against the Rockets, but scored 15 points, grabbed nine rebounds, handed out four assists and, more importantly, helped hold Houston center Moses Malone to 13 points and seven rebounds.

Phoenix 111, Portland 100

LeBron "Truck" Robinson ignited a Phoenix surge early in the third quarter Sunday night and the Suns held on for a 111-100 National Basketball Association victory over Portland to snap the Blazers' nine-game winning streak.

Jabbar joined Wilt Chamberlain, Oscar Robertson, John Havlicek and Jerry West — all retired — in the exclusive scoring club as the Lakers rolled up their highest point total of the year.

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new high 42 points to run his NBA total to

36.

That made him only the fifth player in league history to surpass the 25,000-point mark and, coincidentally, helped the Lakers to a 135-122 victory over the San Antonio Spurs.

In other NBA action Sunday night, Milwaukee whipped Houston 123-91; San Diego beat Detroit 117-97, and Phoenix stopped Portland 111-100.

Jabbar joined Wilt Chamberlain, Oscar Robertson, John Havlicek and Jerry West — all retired — in the exclusive scoring club as the Lakers rolled up their highest point total of the year.

LeBron "Truck" Robinson ignited a Phoenix surge early in the third quarter Sunday night and the Suns held on for a 111-100 National Basketball Association victory over Portland to snap the Blazers' nine-game winning streak.

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Horse showjumping event held

LONDON, Dec. 22 (AP) — Johan Heins, Holland's former European champion, took the shortest cut home to land the 3,000 pounds sterling first prize in the Radio Tour Grand Prix at the Olympia showjumping international in London Monday.

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Caroline Bradley, among the leaders in the world cup point table, was the first to go in the final jump-off on her grey *Tigre* and she set the standard with a clear round in 34 seconds.

Malcolm pyrah took 3/10 of a second off this time with a clear round on towerlands *Anglezarke*. Then, after Heins great round on *Lorraine*, Ireland's Paul Darragh on Carroll's Young Diamond could only manage 31.6 seconds for his clear round.

Patriots face Chargers for playoff slot

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP) — The Cleveland Browns and Buffalo Bills won division titles and the Houston Oilers and Oakland Raiders also moved into the National Football League playoffs with victories Sunday. The final post season berth, however, remains up for grabs between the New England Patriots and San Diego Chargers.

The Chargers can take it by beating the Pittsburgh Steelers Monday night. That would give San Diego the American Conference's West division crown.

But if the Chargers lose, Oakland would become the AFC west titlist and the Patriots would move into the AFC wild-card game against Houston.

Meanwhile, the Steelers hopes for becoming the first team to win the consecutive Super Bowls were dashed on the final Sunday of the season. Pittsburgh needed an improbable four-game combination of results to make it into the playoffs, but its hopes came to an end when New England won to keep its own playoff chance alive.

In the National conference, the Philadelphia Eagles joined Minnesota and Atlanta as division winners despite losing to the Dallas Cowboys 35-27. Philadelphia and Dallas both finished with 12-4 records, but Philadelphia won its first title in 20 years on the basis of net points in division games.

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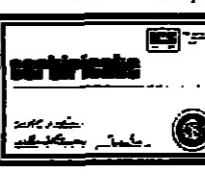
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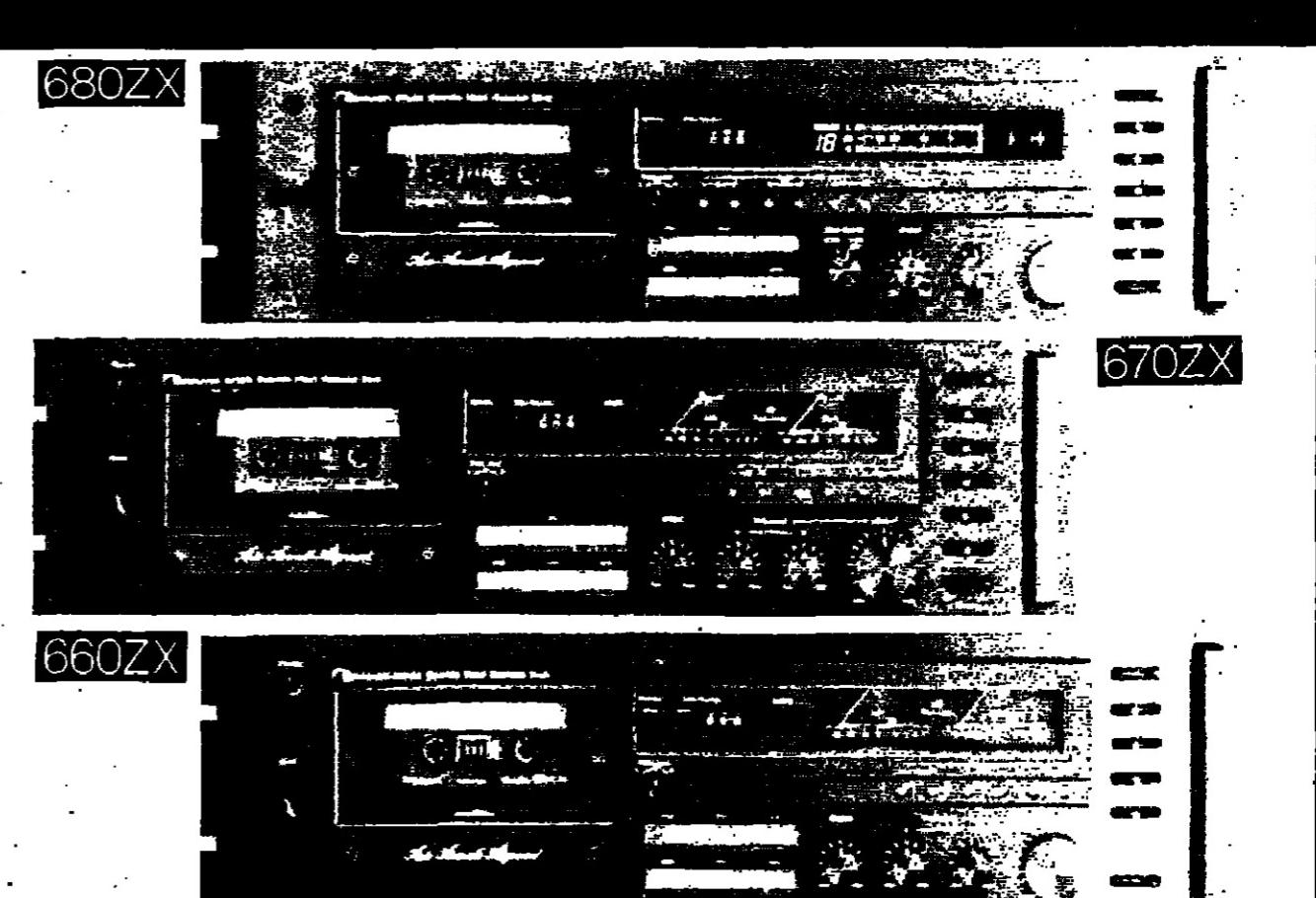
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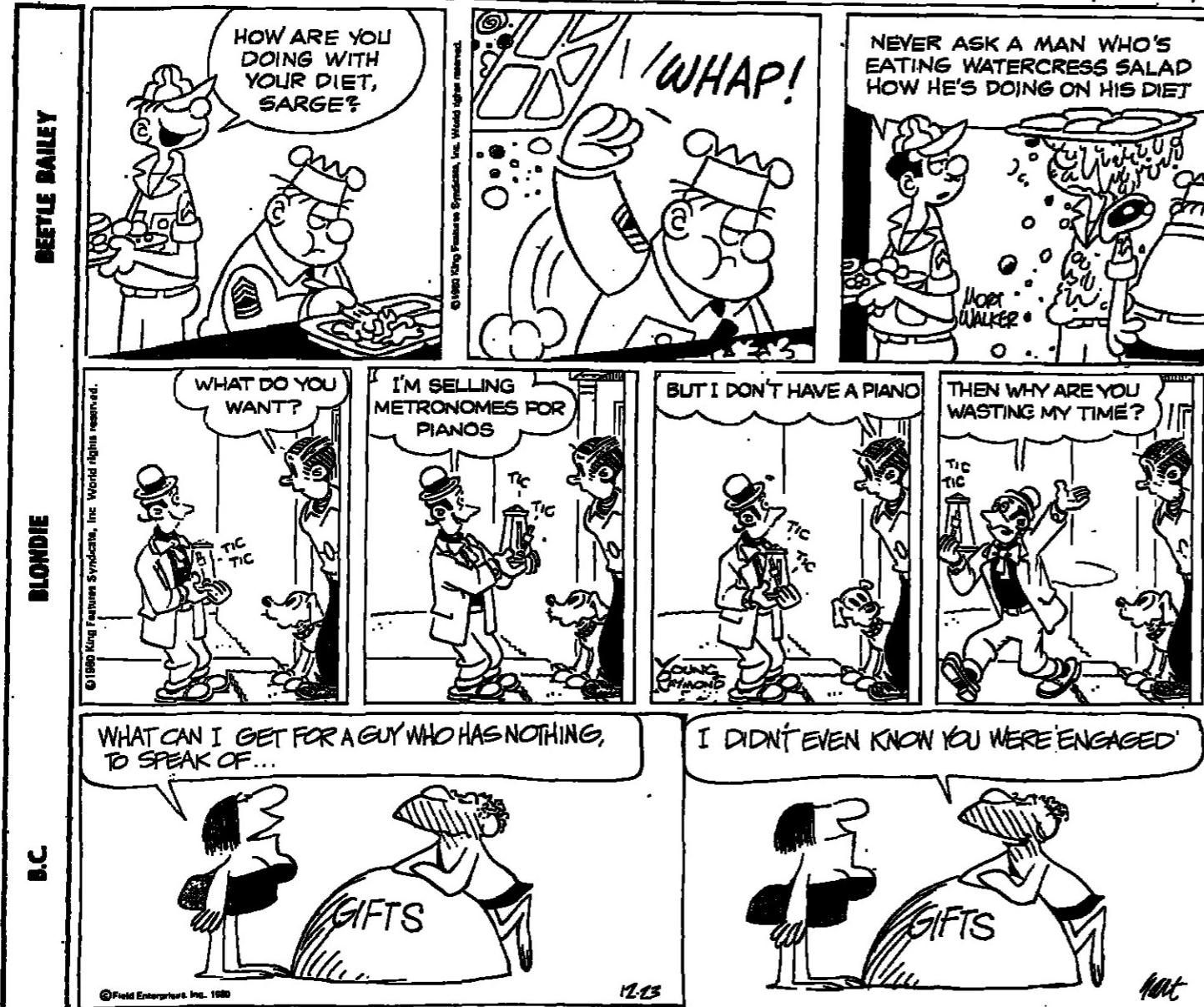
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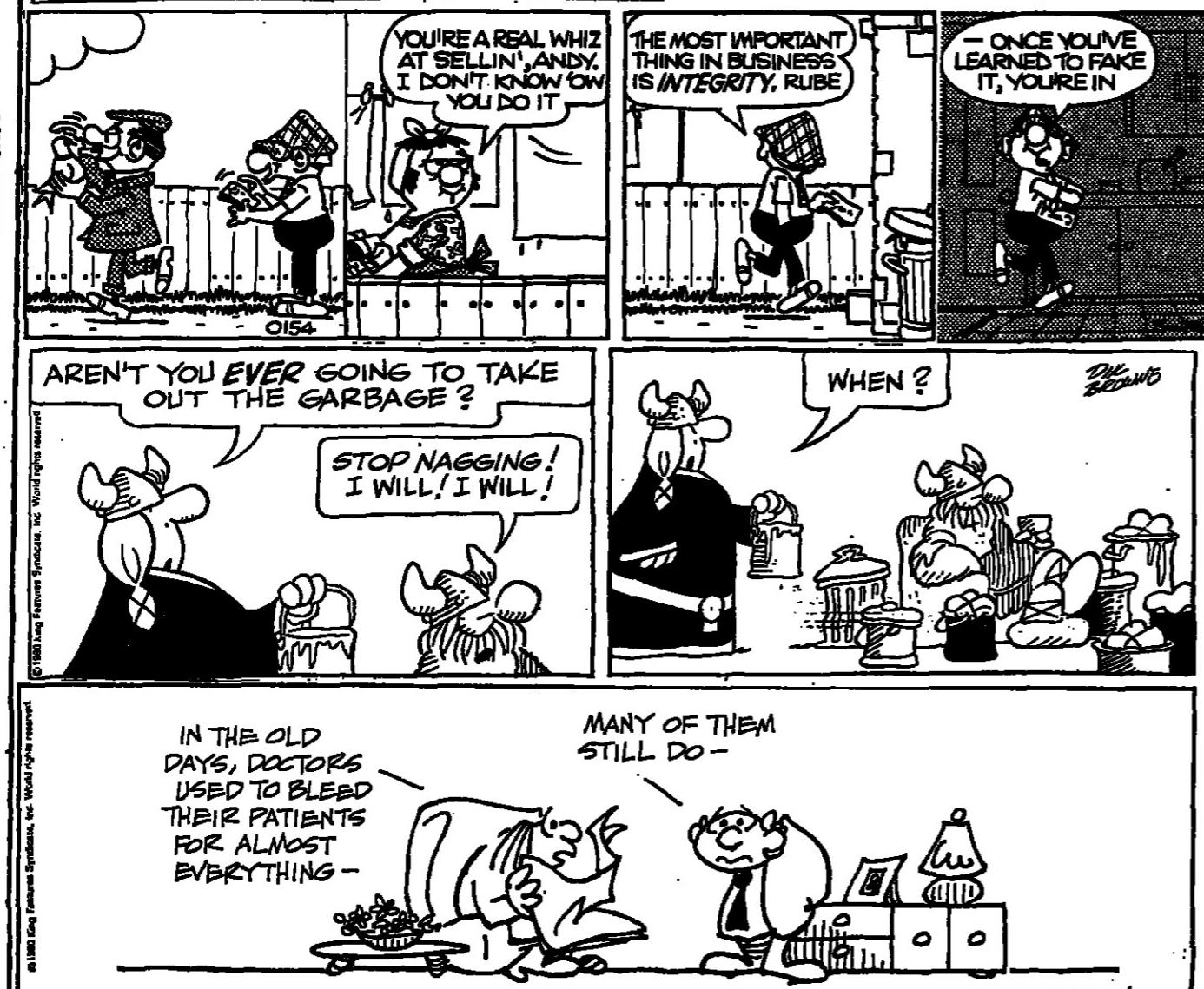
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DHARAN TV

4:30 Children's Show
5:22 All Star Soccer
6:49 Cinema
7:14 Little House on the Prairie
7:59 Last Report
8:22 Channel 3 feature

VOA

8:00 News Roundup
Report: Activities
8:30 Decision
News Summary
9:00 Special English:
News Feature: The
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9:30 Music USA:
(Standards)
10:00 News Roundup
Report: Activities
10:05 Opening: Analysis

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11:30 Music USA: (Standards)

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Midnight

12:00 News newsmakers'
voices correspondents
reports background
features media
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TUESDAY

Afternoon Transmissions

9:00 Opening

2:01 Holy Cross

2:05 Coat of Guidance

2:20 Saudi Tabligh

2:30 On Islam

3:00 Radio Magazine

3:10 Press Review

3:15 Music

3:20 World of Machines

3:30 A Selection of Music

3:40 Closeout

3:50 Closeout

Morning Transmission

8:00 World News

8:30 Twenty-Four Hours

New Summary

8:30 Saudi Ward

8:45 World Today

9:00 Newswatch

9:30 Open Star

10:00 World News

10:09 Twenty-Four Hours

New Summary

10:30 Sarah Ward

10:45 Something to

Show You

11:00 World News

11:09 Reflections

11:15 Piano Style

11:30 Brain of Britain 1978

12:00 World News

12:09 British Press Review

12:15 World Today

12:40 Look Ahead

12:45 The Tony Myatt

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9:00 Opening

9:01 Holy Cross

9:05 Coat of Guidance

9:10 Light Music

9:15 The Evening Show

9:45 Reflections of a Muslim

10:00 Islamic Contributions

10:10 Music

10:15 NEWS

10:25 S. A. — A Daily Chronicle

10:30 Bouquet

11:00 The Word of the Guita

11:15 Round and About

11:45 On Islam

12:00 In the Quiet

12:30 Music

12:45 A Reckoners

with Dreams

12:50 Closeout

13:00 Closeout

13:15 Talkshow

13:30 Sports International

13:45 Arabic Newsweek

13:55 Saudi Concert

3:45 Sports Round-up

4:00 World News

11:00 Twenty-Four Hours

New Summary

12:15 The Pleasure's Youth

5:15 Report on Religion

6:00 Radio Newsweek

6:15 Outlook

7:00 World News

7:15 Sherlock Holmes

7:45 World Today

8:00 World News

8:09 Book and Writers

8:15 The Face of England

8:30 Take One

8:45 Sports Round-up

9:00 World News

9:15 Radio Newsweek

9:30 Farming World

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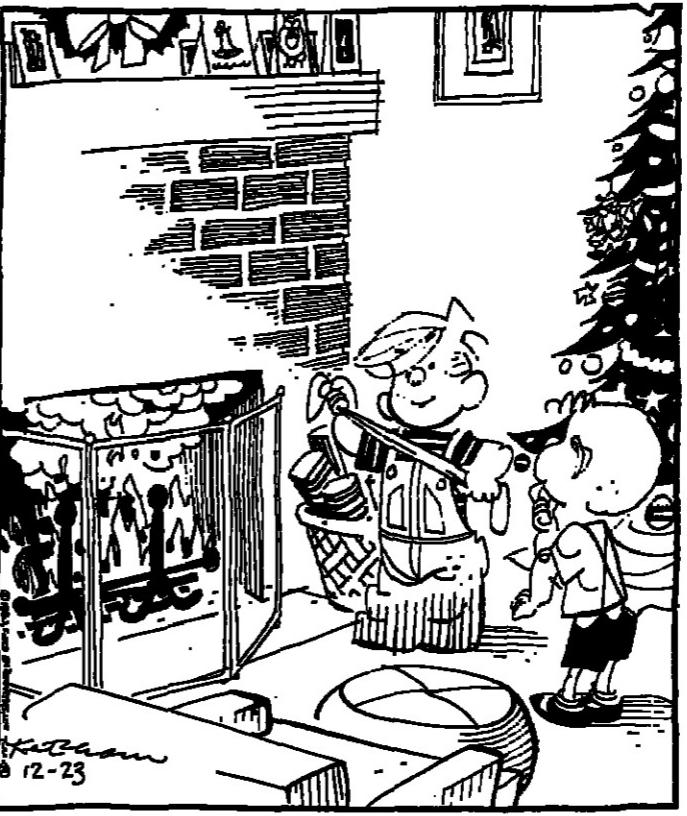
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6:20 On This Day

6:25 Classical Music

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3. ♠K9843 ♦10 ♣QJ85 ♠KQ6
4. ♠AJ964 ♦KQ72 ♣9 ♠A32

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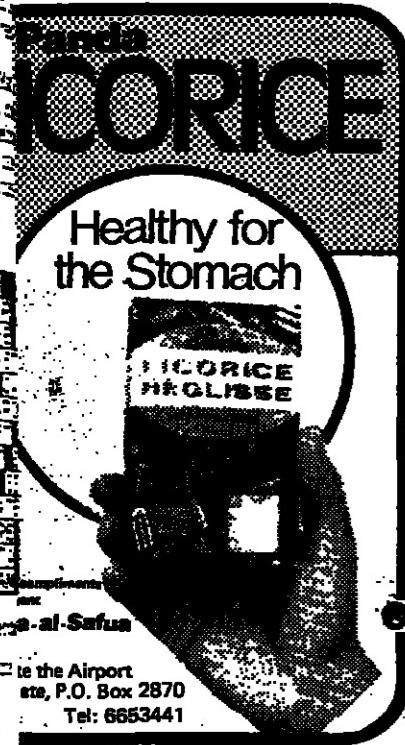
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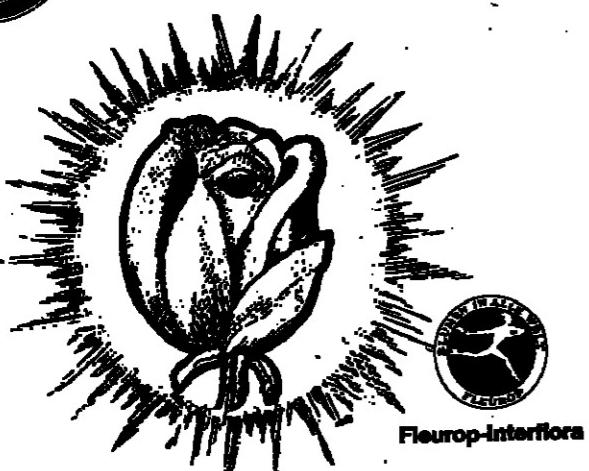
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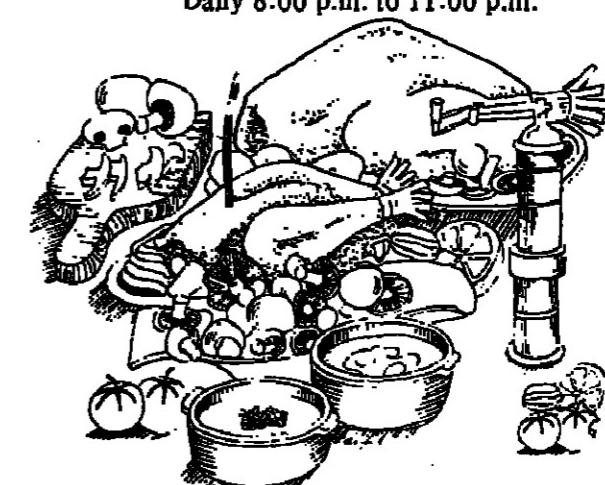
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Iraq's gains minimal Gulf combatants locked in war of attrition

AHWAZ, Iran, Dec. 22 (R) — On the low plains of Khuzistan and in the mountains to the north, Iran and Iraq are stuck fast in a war of attrition which neither side appears able to make the effort to win. The winter rains now setting in over the battle area are reducing the combat level still further, but even in the mild and dry late autumn weather there was little significant activity.

The last big operation was in November when Iraqi troops tried to seize the town of Susangerd, about 30 km from the Iraqi border. But they were driven off after two days of street fighting. Three months, after the start of the Gulf war, Iraq is holding a wavy strip of Iranian border territory from Qasr-E-Shirin on the Tehran-Baghdad highway, 600 kms south to the Shatt Al-Arab estuary on the Gulf.

But most of what Iraq has captured is desert and hillside. The only town of any importance it has entered — after a long and bitter struggle — is the port of Khorramshahr on the Iranian bank of the Shatt. And the two sides disagree on how much of Khorramshahr has fallen.

The Iraqis have besieged, but not captured, the oil refining center of Abadan, southeast of Khorramshahr, and they have failed to sever the crucial oil pipeline from Khuzestan province to Tehran. All international efforts to separate the combatants having failed so far, the question now is which of the two stands to gain more from a prolonged war.

Iran has sworn it will not stop fighting until the last Iraqi soldier has withdrawn from Iranian soil, if then Iraq, deprived of the blitzkreig victory it apparently expected at the outset, has several times expressed interest in a ceasefire, but faced with Iranian intransigence cannot withdraw without losing face.

Each side may hope that the longer the war goes, the more likely is the collapse of the



HIGH SPIRITS: Iranian revolutionaries sing a revolutionary song during training at Kermanshah, in western Iran. Spirits are reportedly high among the troops despite a stalemate in the war with Iraq.

other's government. Iran has openly said it would like to see President Saddam Hussein overthrown in Baghdad. For Iraq, diplomats here believe, the destruction of Ayatollah Khomeini's rule was one objective in attacking Iran.

So far there is little sign of either government being threatened. The fact that Iran is slowly draining its financial reserves could eventually lead to more severe economic hardships than are evident at present, and

consequently to greater popular discontent.

But a solution to the American hostages crisis, which now seems increasingly likely would top up the reserves again through the unfreezing of Iranian assets in the United States and the lifting of Western economic sanctions.

In any case, the main reason for the stalemate in the fighting, according to diplomats in Tehran, is simply the limited military ability of both sides. Iraq is apparently unwilling

to tolerate the heavy casualties which would result from any all-out drive to gain ground.

Iran, with its cult of martyrdom, has less of a problem on this score, but shares with Iraq a reluctance to lose further valuable equipment which is difficult or impossible to replace.

Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr has spoken several times of an imminent counter-offensive against the Iraqi invaders but so far it has not materialized. Instead, the two sides are locked in a bruising but indecisive artillery war, supplemented, on the Iranian side at least, with night-time commando raids.

Air raids have fallen off sharply since the early weeks of the war and there have been few if any major tank battles. Whether through deficient tactics, command or training, Iran and Iraq — among the most heavily armed third world countries before the war — have not been able to inflict crippling damage on each other.

The damage that has been done has not stopped either country from exporting at least some oil, and has been bought at the cost of heavy losses in military hardware.

While Iran's claim to have destroyed 205 Iraqi planes and 2,631 tanks and armored personnel carriers is doubtless exaggerated, the equipment losses on both sides are clearly acting as a powerful brake on the war.

The Iranian armed forces — previously thought to be divided and demoralized — have performed better than expected in the face of a grave threat to the nation. Politicians mayicker over whether the much-purged and mistrusted army built up by the late Shah or the revolutionary guards that emerged from last year's Islamic revolution are bearing the brunt of the fighting, but on the battlefronts, at least at the lowest level, the two forces appear now to be cooperating fairly successfully.

The Iranian armed forces — previously



HEALTHY: Surrealist painter Salvador Dalí leaves his Monaco hotel Monday, evidently in good health despite a recent bout with illness.

Police kill 4 at India rally

NEW DELHI, Dec. 22 (AP) — Four people were killed when police fired at crowds Monday in the troubled northeastern state of Assam, the United News of India reported.

The deaths were reported from Rangiya and Mirzah, near Gauhati, Assam's main city. The slayings raised to seven the death toll in five days of civil disobedience marred by violence. UNI said 15 policemen were injured in ensuing violence at Rangiya. The trouble began during a brief relaxation of the curfew ordered last week following earlier clashes between police and protesters demanding the expulsion of alleged aliens.

Police said they also fired on a crowd in Tezpur, northern Assam, but reported no fatalities in that incident. However, they said that 21 policemen were injured in clashes at Tezpur.

In Gauhati, 500 kilometers northeast of Calcutta, about 100 people were injured, some of them critically, by club-wielding policemen firing tear gas shells at demonstrators.

Pinto Balsemão named

LISBON, Dec. 22 (R) — President Antonio Ramalho Eanes formally named Social Democratic leader Francisco Pinto Balsemão, a 43-year-old newspaper editor, Portugal's new prime minister Monday. In accordance with the constitution, Eanes made the appointment after consulting all the political parties represented in parliament.

Press hits Mao, smiles on 'Gang'

PEKING, Dec. 22 (AP) — Communist China's leading newspaper sharpened its criticism of the late Chairman Mao Tse-Tsu Monday, but hinted at possible leniency for his widow and nine other "big shots" Mao's "Cultural Revolution" who now are on trial.

The Communist Party newspaper People's Daily also said party members and allies were the main activists in the April 1976 riot Peking's Tiananmen Square. They now officially described as an heroic uprising against the "Gang of Four" led by Mao's widow, Jiang Qing.

The newspaper said Deng Xiaoping, China's top leader, had strengthened people's will to struggle against the "Gang. Giving the riots a party connection would be a blow against current Party Chairman Hua Guofeng. As minister of publicity at the time, he would have been responsible for suppressing them.

Criticism of Mao also reflects on Hua, to be Mao's personal choice as successor. Hua has been reported under criticism of the Tiananmen riots and his "leftist" economic policies. He is expected to remain under pressure soon, although Chinese officials decline comment on this.

The People's Daily in a front-page article by a "special guest commentator," called trial of Jiang Qing and nine others a milestone in establishing socialist democracy and the rule of law. Thus it said, it was indeed a success.

"In his late years, comrade Mao Tse-Tsu committed mistakes, especially in the 'Great Cultural Revolution' which he personally launched and led," the commentator said. "This brought the party and the people great misfortune."

Mao, who died in 1976, has been accused previously of mistakes, although Chinese officials tread warily because of widespread respect remaining for him as the main founder.

But following repeated descriptions of 1966-76 Cultural Revolution as a "decade of disaster," this pointed reference to Mao's leadership is a sign of increased criticism of him.

Some other comrades in the party also made mistakes, but "these kinds of mistakes are basically different in nature than the conspiratorial activities of the Lin Biao and the Gang counter-revolutionary clique," commentary added.

Lin, once China's defense minister and Mao's chosen successor, allegedly plotted to kill Mao and stage an armed coup. He reportedly died in a plane crash while trying to escape after the plot failed. Five former generals involved in the plot are accused of joining in the plot.

Ancient mosaic stolen on Cyprus

PAPHOS, Cyprus, Dec. 22 (AP) — A priceless 2,000-year-old mosaic tablet depicting Lyda and the Swan was stolen from the museum at the Temple of Aphrodite, near here, police announced Monday. A police statement said the theft occurred over the weekend.

It is believed the thieves were a well organized gang, fully equipped to transport the heavy mosaic tablet, which was set on a concrete slab and measuring a little more than one meter square.

Police said the thieves broke the lock of the museum's door and carried the heavy mosaic off without being noticed in the middle of the night.

"This is a very heavy blow... it is a terrible loss for our cultural heritage," declared Dr. Vassos Karageorgis, the director of Cyprus antiquities. "It is impossible to put a value on this mosaic, it is a unique piece."

It depicts the standing female figure of

Lyda next to a Swan... It is made up of thousands of sparkling flat-faced colored tiny square stones, giving the composition the appearance of a modern pointillist painting.

According to Greek mythology, one of the offsprings of Lyda by Zeus was Helen, the beauty who later became Queen of Troy.

Lyda and the Swan has been a favorite subject for artists throughout history.

Gold prices up; dollar trades lower

LONDON, Dec. 22 (AP) — The dollar opened lower on most world foreign exchange markets Monday following its sharp dip in trading late Friday. By mid-morning, the U.S. currency was stabilizing, however. Gold prices rose.

London's five bullion houses fixed a recommended morning gold price of \$594.00 a troy ounce, up from \$584 on Friday. In Zurich, gold traded at a median \$594.50 an

ounce, up from \$575.50. Earlier in Hong Kong, gold closed at \$598.93 an ounce, up \$1.66 from Saturday.

Gold had bounded up \$23.50 in late New York trading Friday to close at \$594.50. This was because investors perceived an end to the pressure driving up U.S. dollar interest rates.

Silver was quoted in London at mid-morning at \$16 an ounce, up from \$15.85. One London bullion dealer remarked Monday, "The market seems to be at a holding pattern at these levels."

In London, the pound was worth \$2.3515, compared to \$2.33 on Friday. Earlier in Tokyo, the dollar closed at 207.80 yen from 209.30 on Friday.

against the country's basic interests. Kania also charged that Western warnings of possible Soviet bloc intervention were "absurd insinuations."

Workers staging the sit-in to demand increased supplies of meat and butter in the town of Piotrkow called off their protest Monday. The national committee of Solidarity said an agreement had been reached but no details were immediately available.

U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown said, meanwhile, that Soviet forces remained ready to invade Poland, and Western industrial countries should not let themselves be lulled into a feeling that the problem was over. "I would recall to you in the case of Czechoslovakia that it was three to six weeks after the Soviet got ready that they finally moved into Czechoslovakia," he said in a television interview. "I think the concerns about Poland cannot be dismissed as over," Brown said. "I think that is going to be a serious problem for a considerable time."

Discussing the state of Soviet military preparedness on Polish borders, he said, "They have been ready for the weeks. They have stayed ready...and when you are ready, you're ready."

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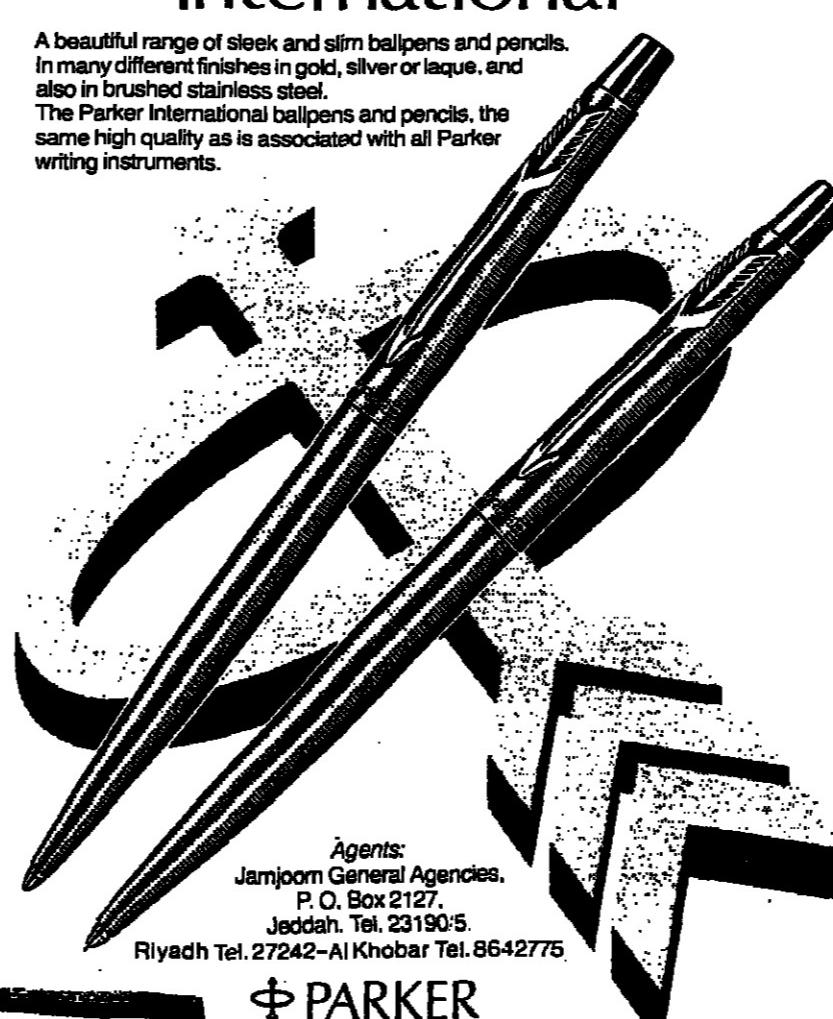
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